

# Dispersion curves of overtones extracted from seismic ambient noise data and corresponding inversions

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# Motivations

- Seismic Surface Wave Tomography (SSWT) is an important method for inverting the Earth interior structure
- Ambient Seismic Noise Tomography (ASNT) greatly extends SSWT frequency band, with much rich data, especially short period data.
- However, both methods are facing the problem of *non-uniqueness* in making the inversion.
- Solution to such non-uniqueness problem is find more independent information, increase constrain
- Currently, both methods use fundamental mode information only
- However, the data contains more information, e.g., the overtones, if we can find and use them, the non-uniqueness problem can be overcome.

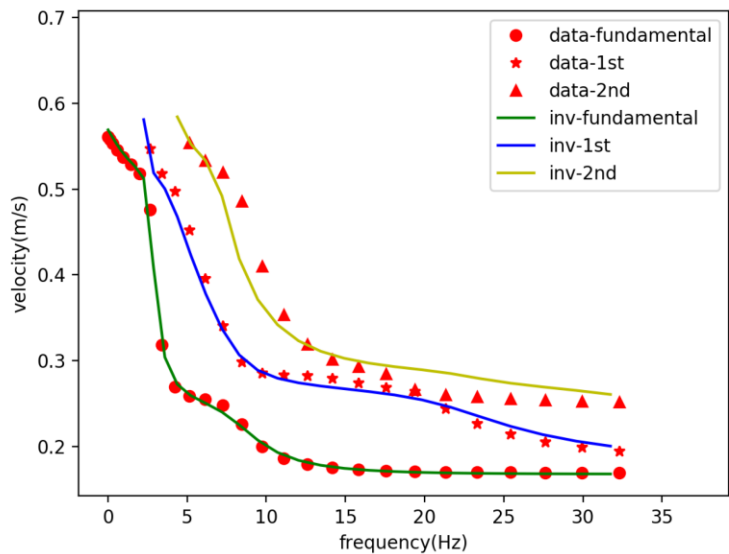
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- Importance of higher modes for SWTM, as well as ambient seismic noise tomography
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- How do the higher modes improve the inversion?
- Brief introduction of F-J method

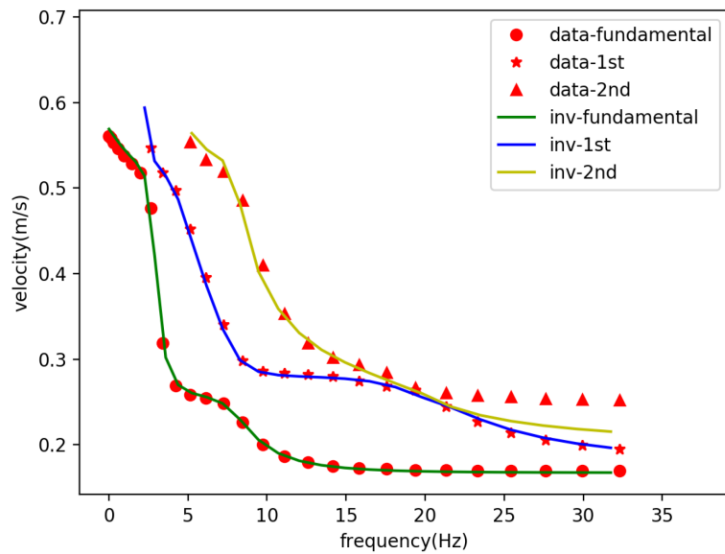
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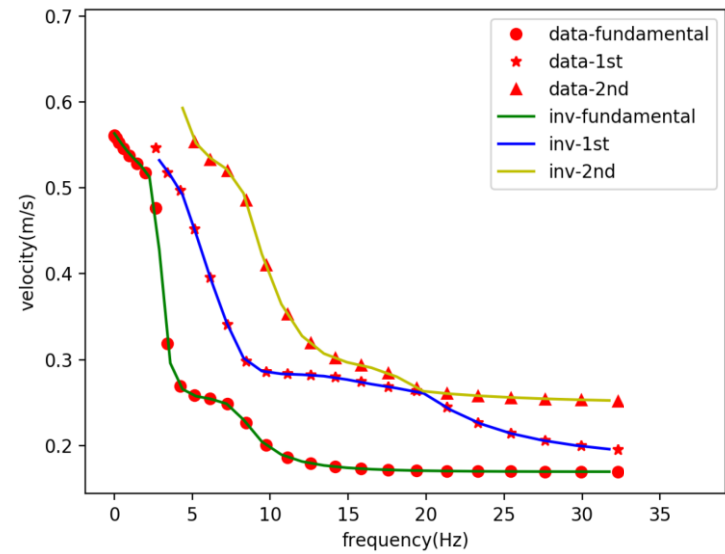
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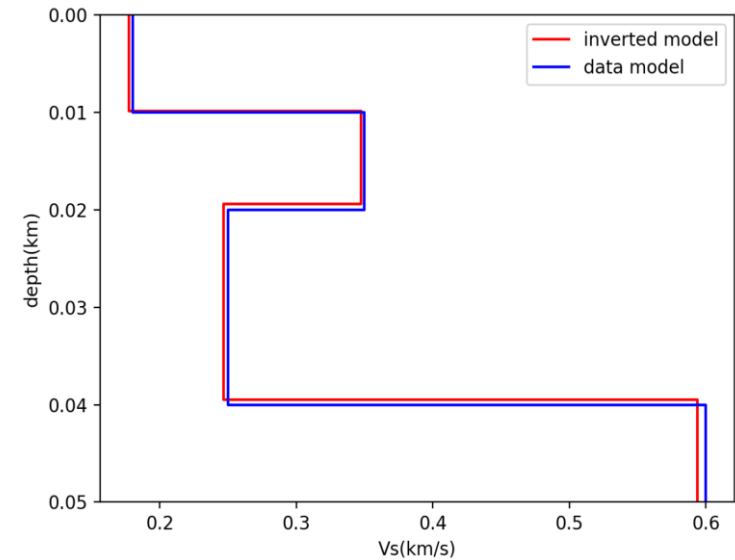
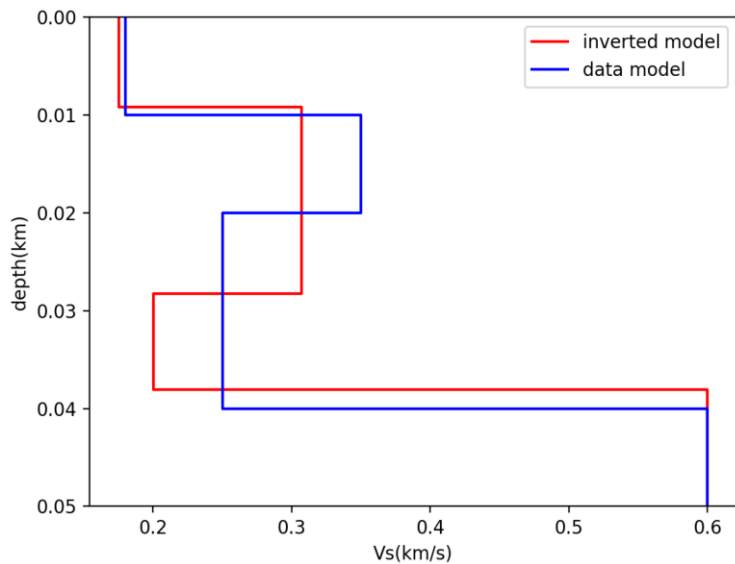
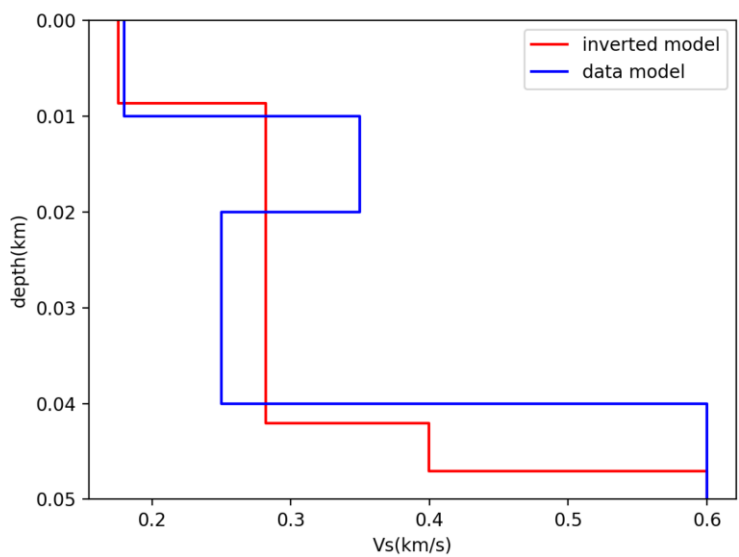
### Fundamental & 1<sup>st</sup> Models



### Fundamental, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Models



### Velocity Model



We propose a new method for extracting dispersion curves of higher-modes:

# Frequency-Bessel Transformation Method (F-J method)

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### Key Points:

- We proposed a new method (the F-J method) to image dispersion curves of overtones of Rayleigh waves from ambient seismic noise data
- Preliminary applications to USArray

## Frequency-Bessel Transform Method for Effective Imaging of Higher-Mode Rayleigh Dispersion Curves From Ambient Seismic Noise Data

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

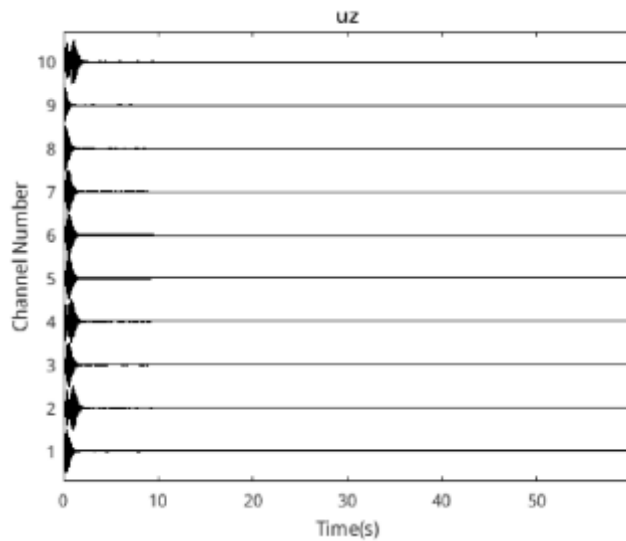
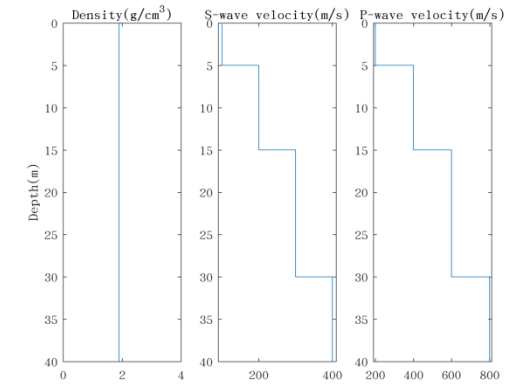
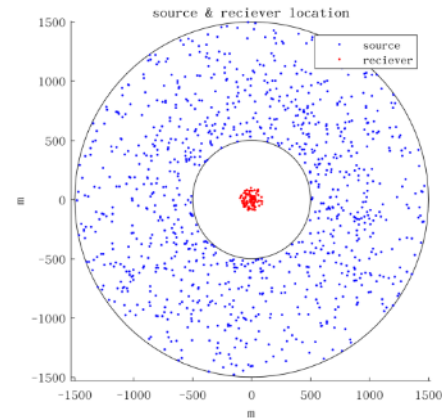
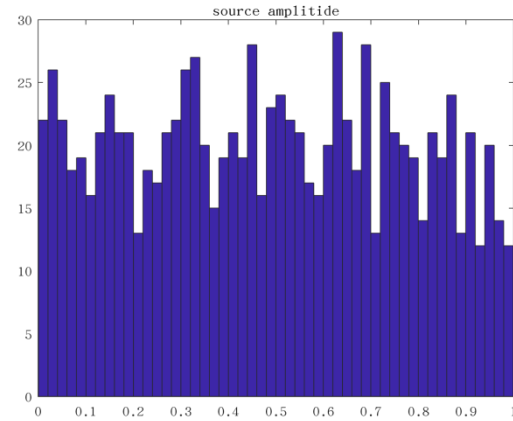
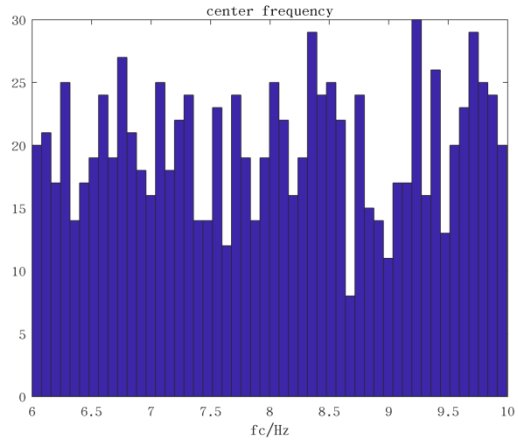
Ambient seismic noise, which is also called microtremor in the field of geotechnique engineering, is a stochastic wavefield generated by various passive sources (e.g., Okada & Suto, 2003; Yang et al., 2007; Yang & Ritzwoller, 2008). After the pioneering works of Aki (1957) and other researchers (e.g., Campillo & Paul, 2003; Derode et al., 2003; Lobkis & Weaver, 2001; Sabra et al., 2005a, 2005b; Sánchez-Sesma et al., 2011; Shapiro & Campillo, 2004; Shapiro et al., 2005; Snieder, 2004), once useless ambient noise data were con-



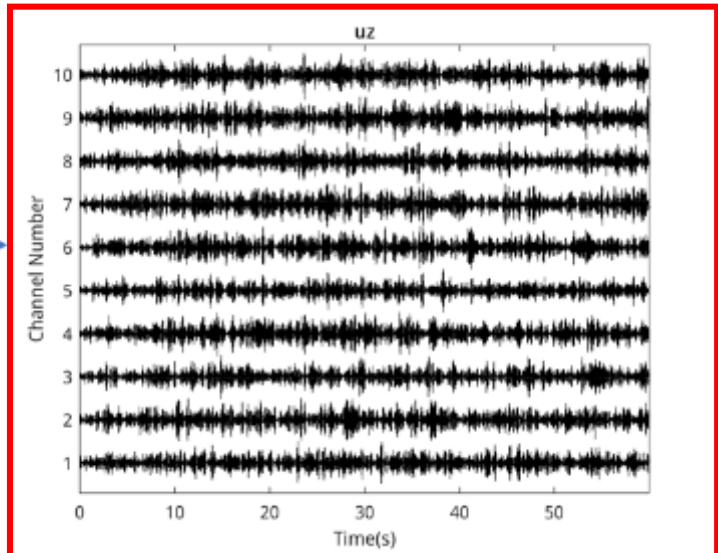
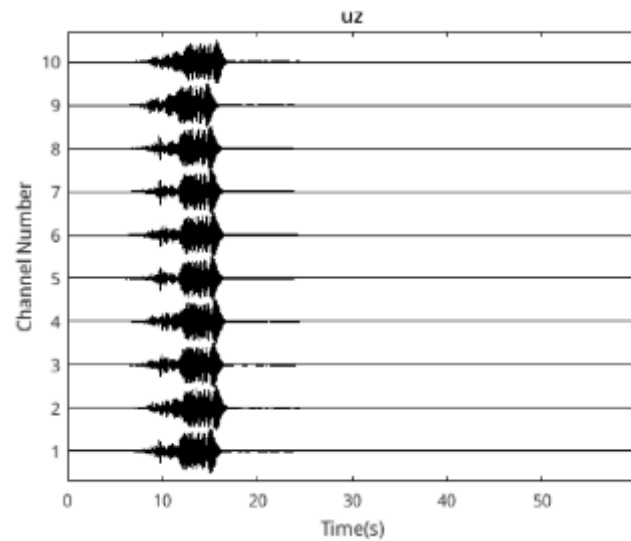
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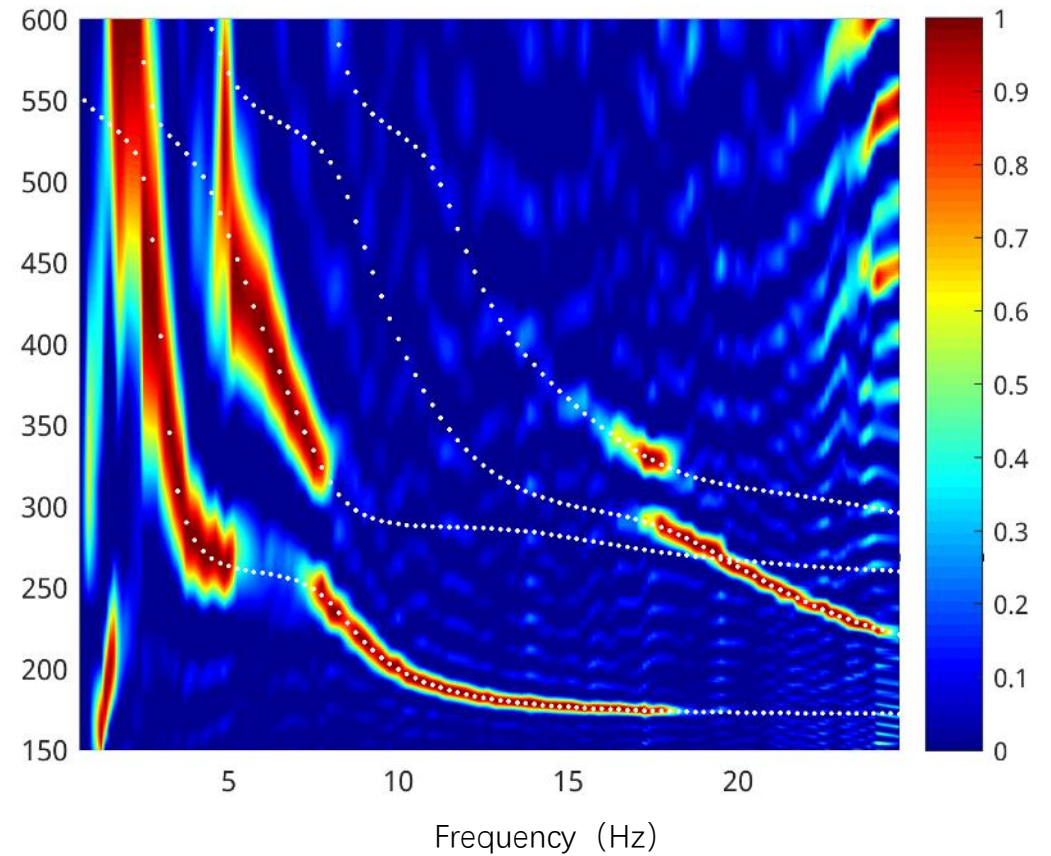
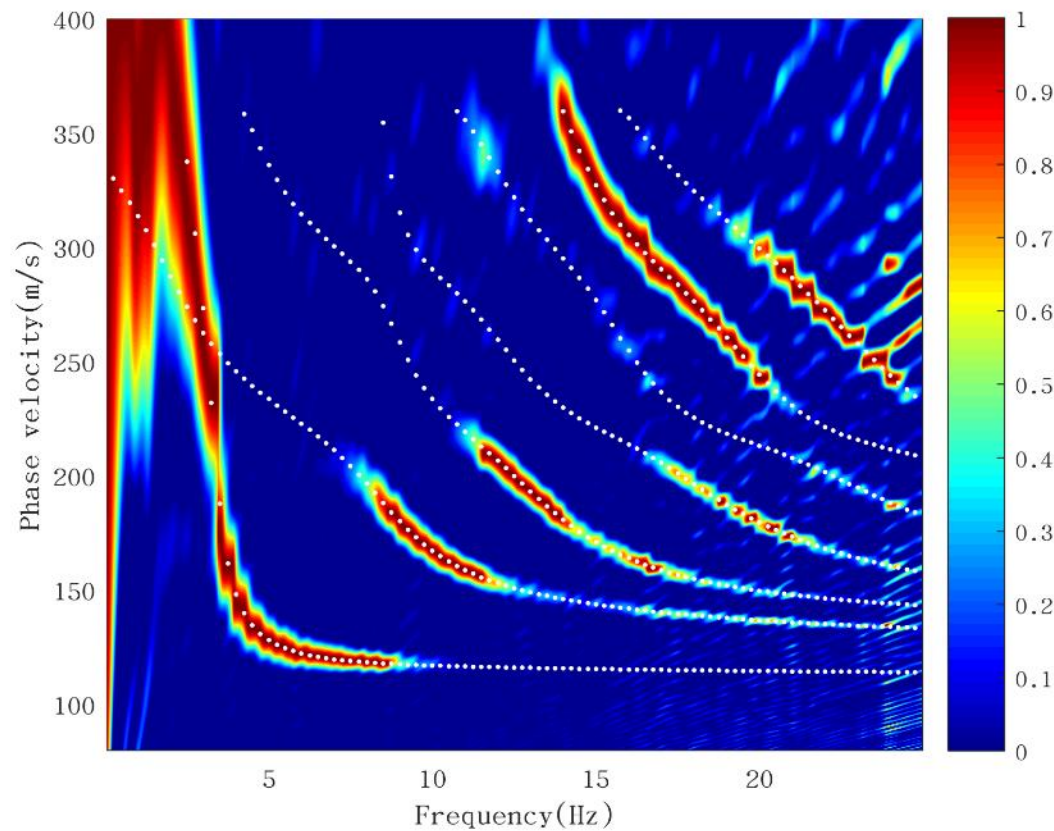
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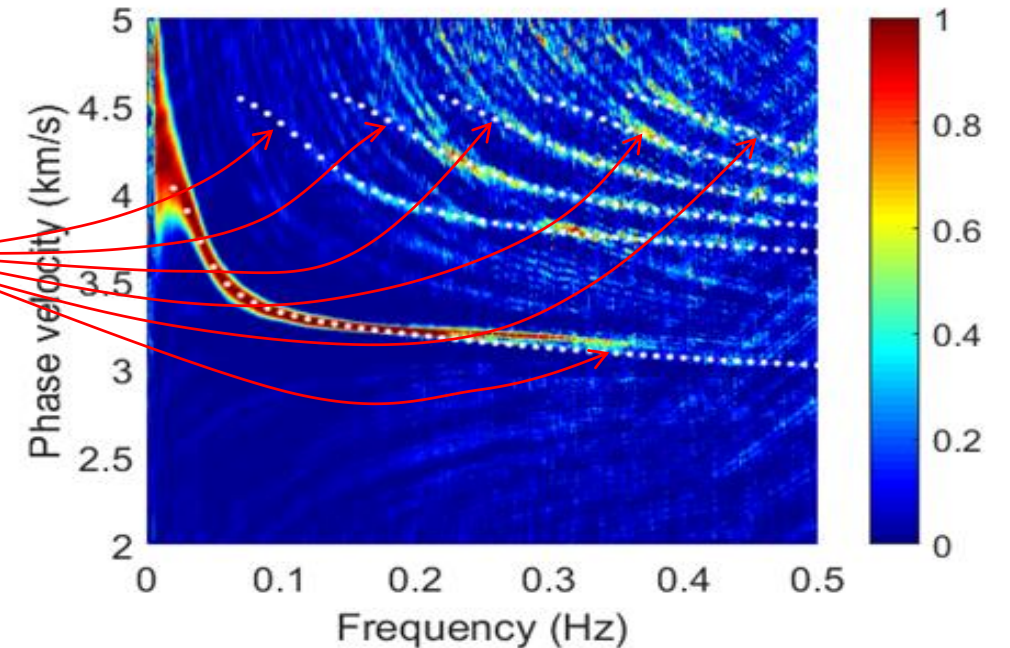
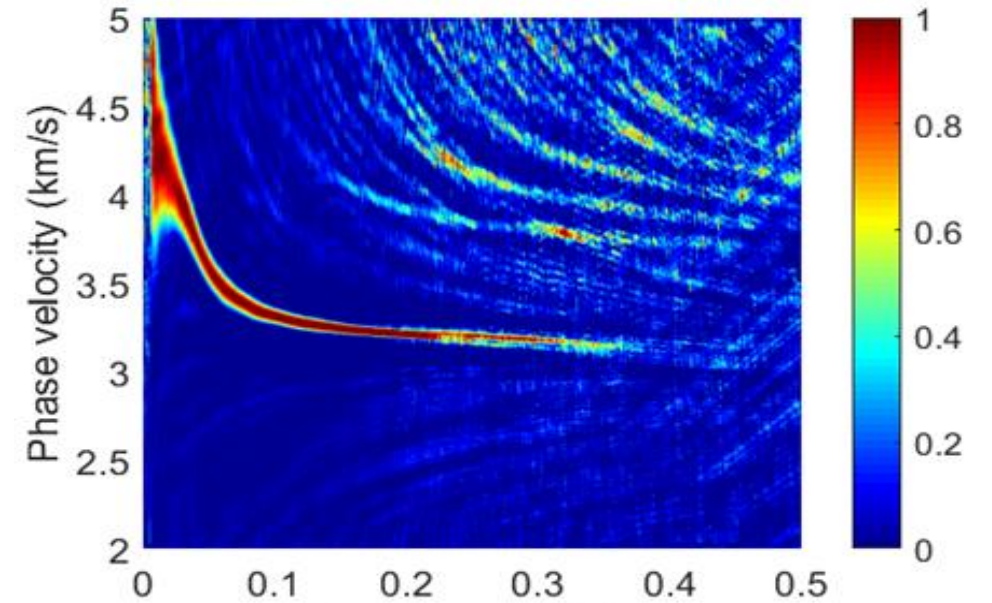
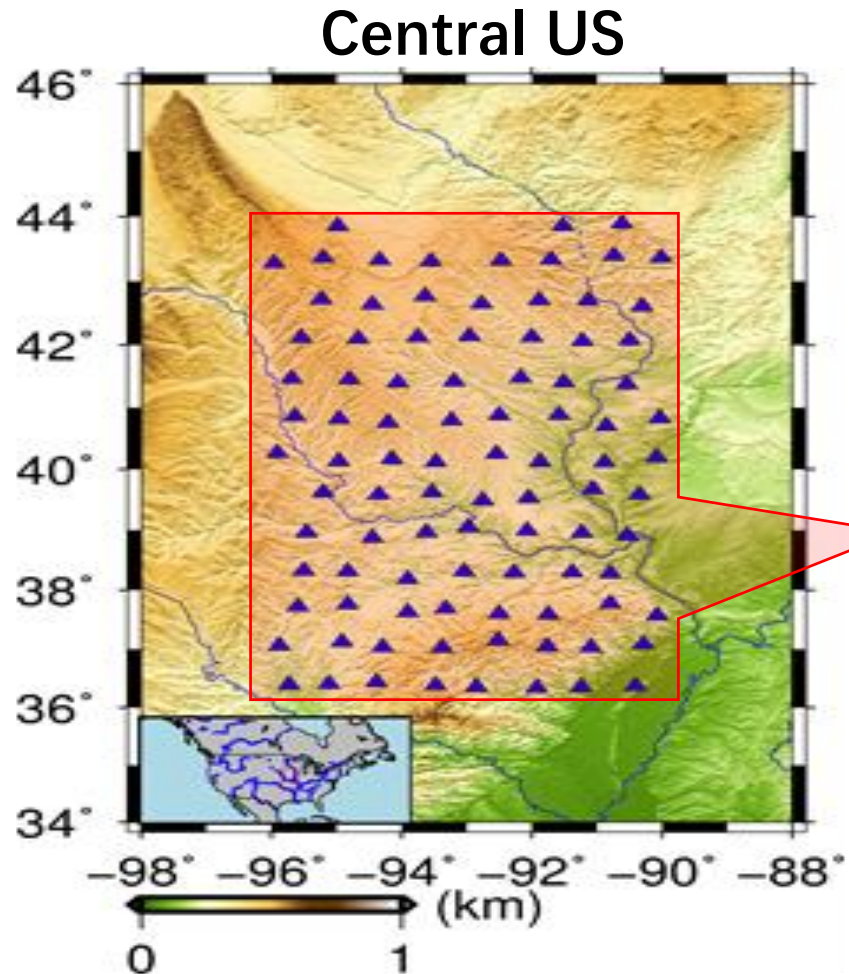


# Using F-J method to the synthetic data:



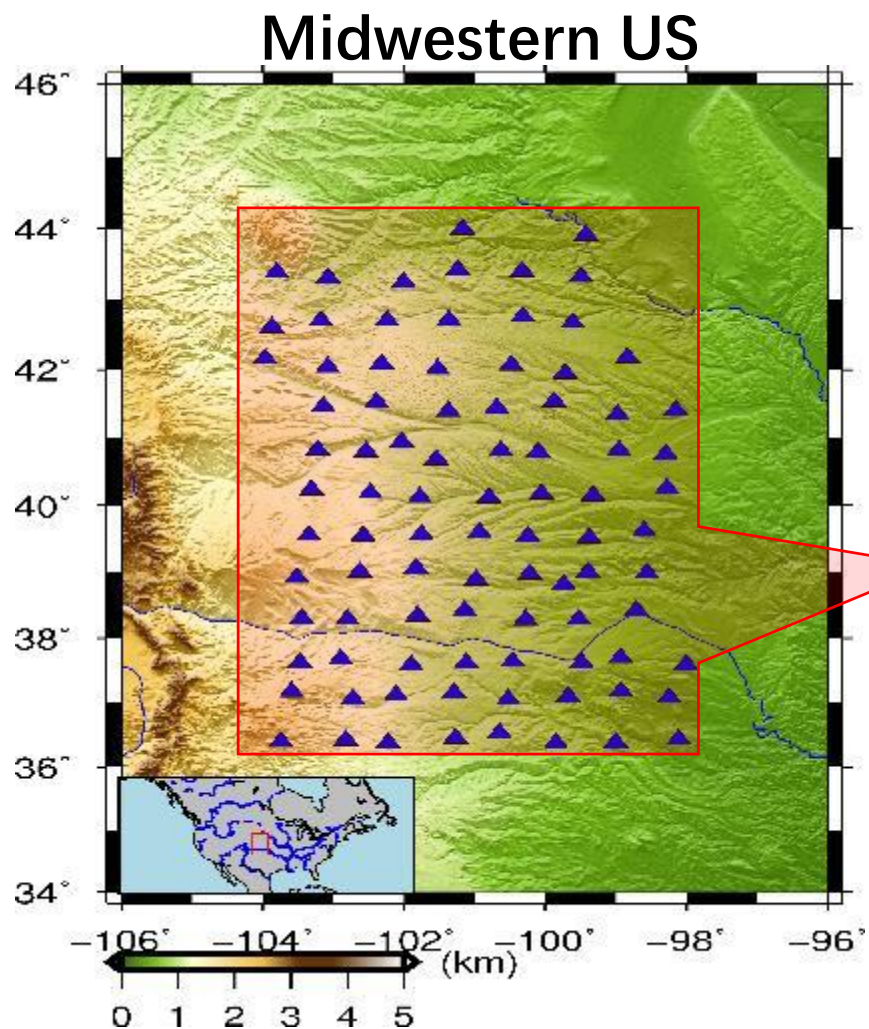
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(96 stations, 6 months recording)

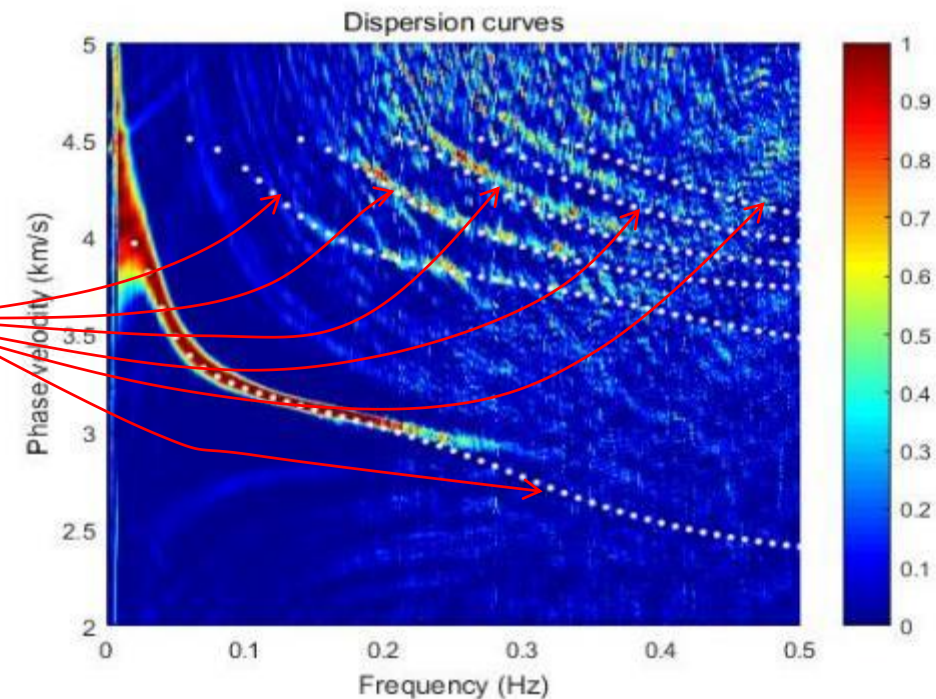
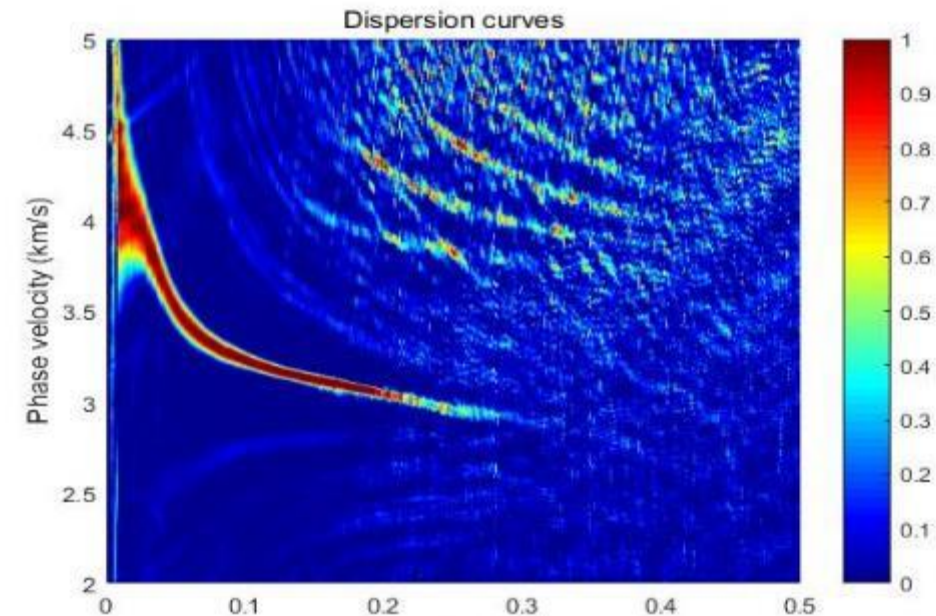


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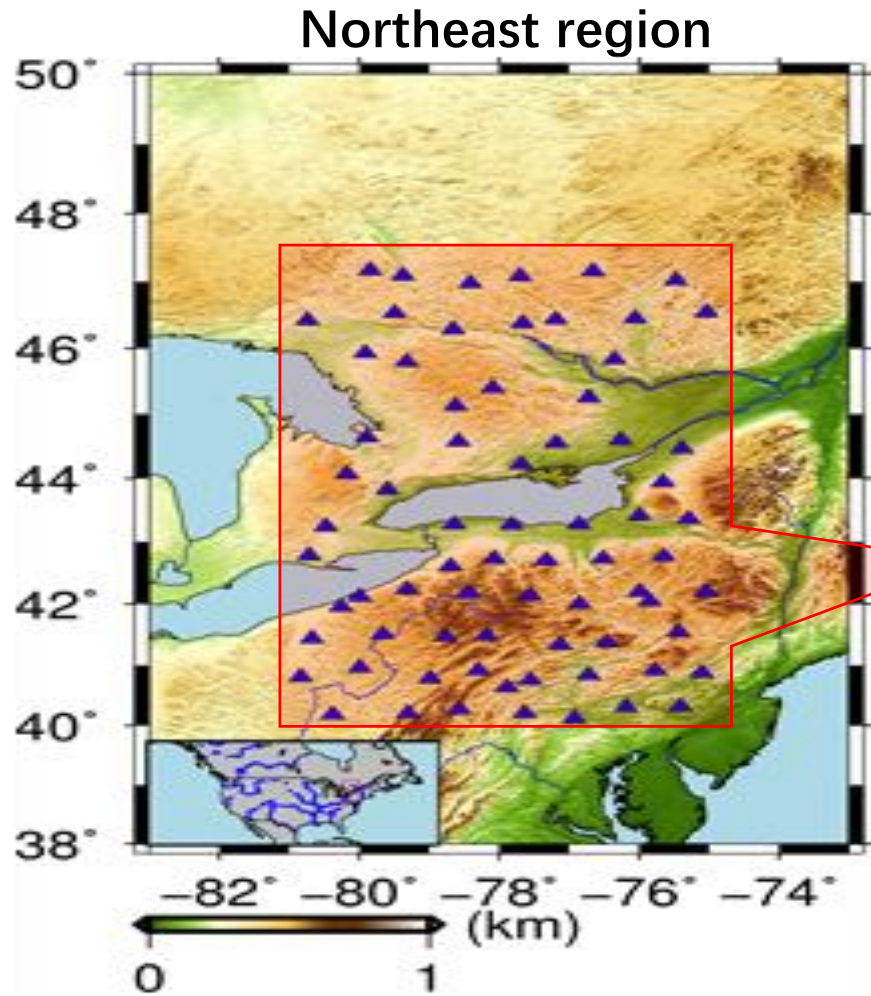


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Based on local 1D model (Shen & Ritzwoller, 2019)

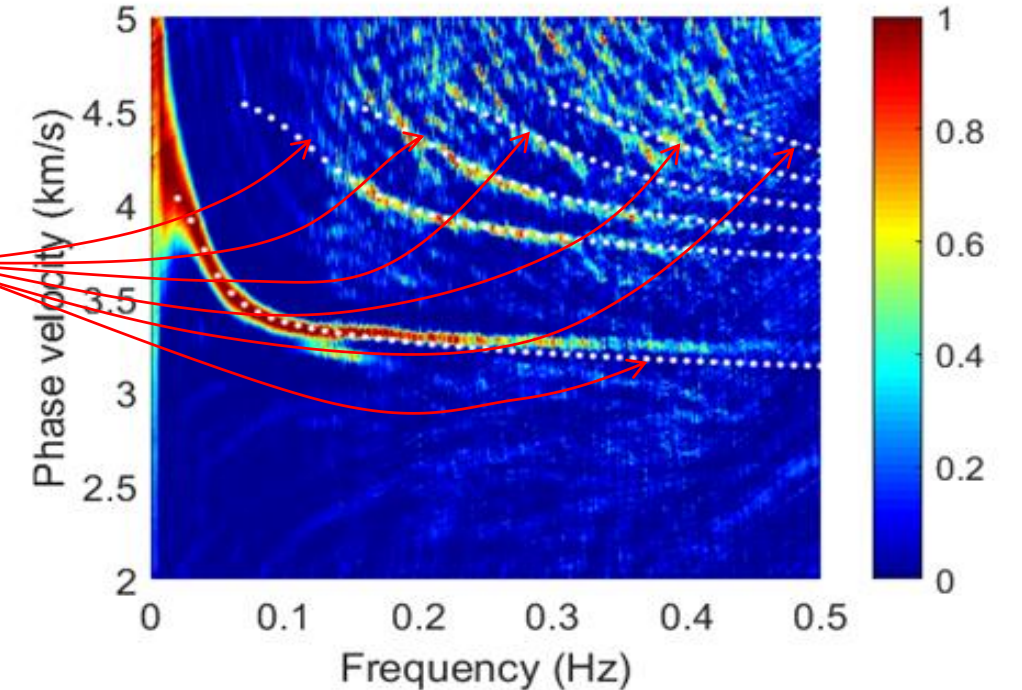
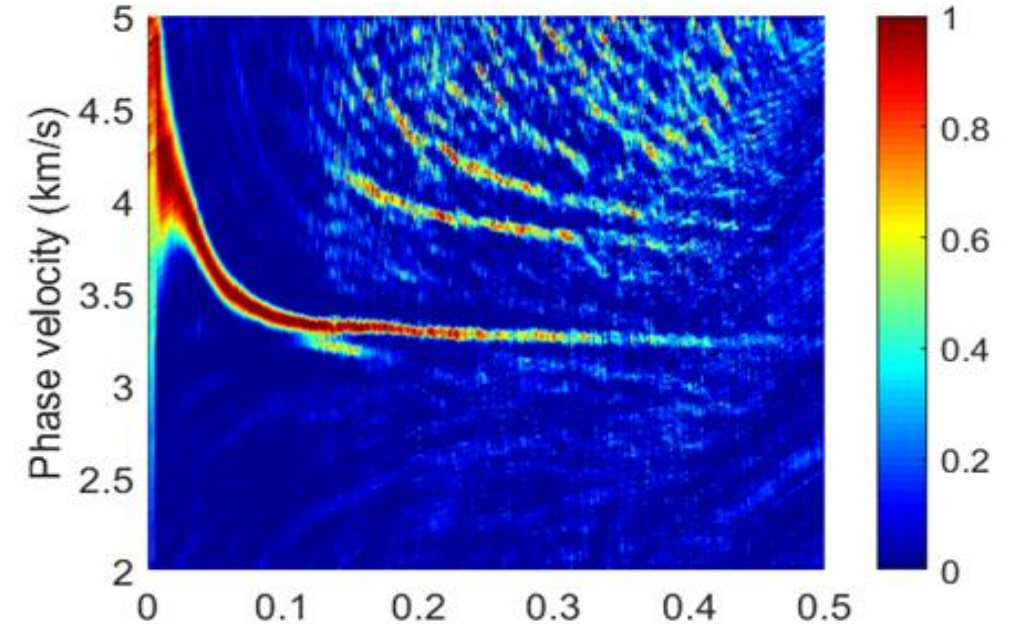


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(73 stations, 6 months recording)

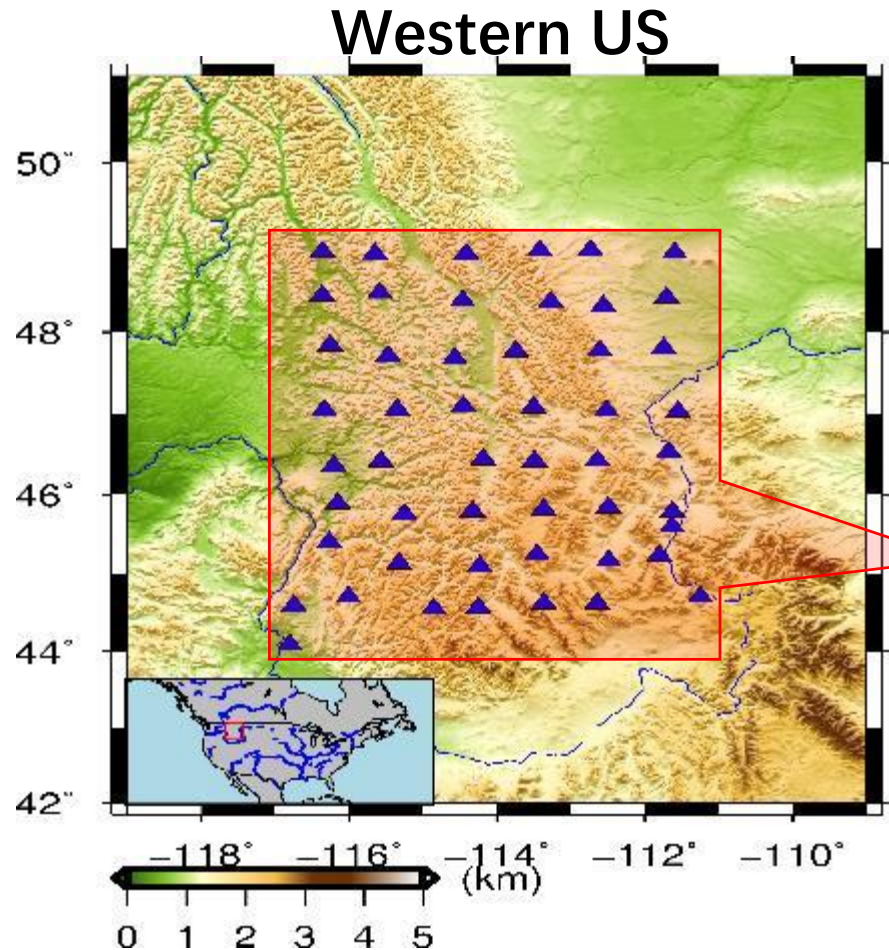



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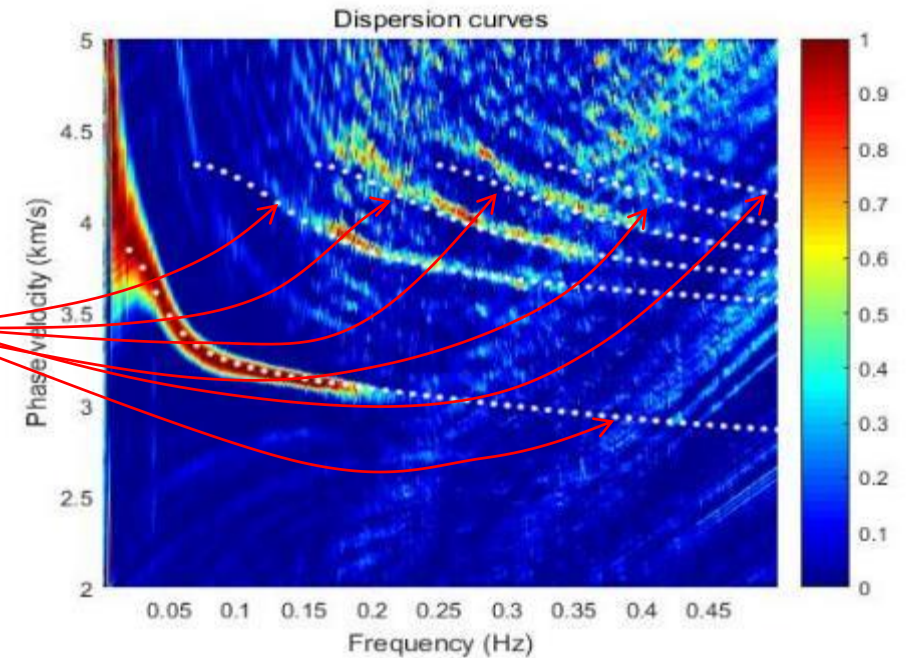
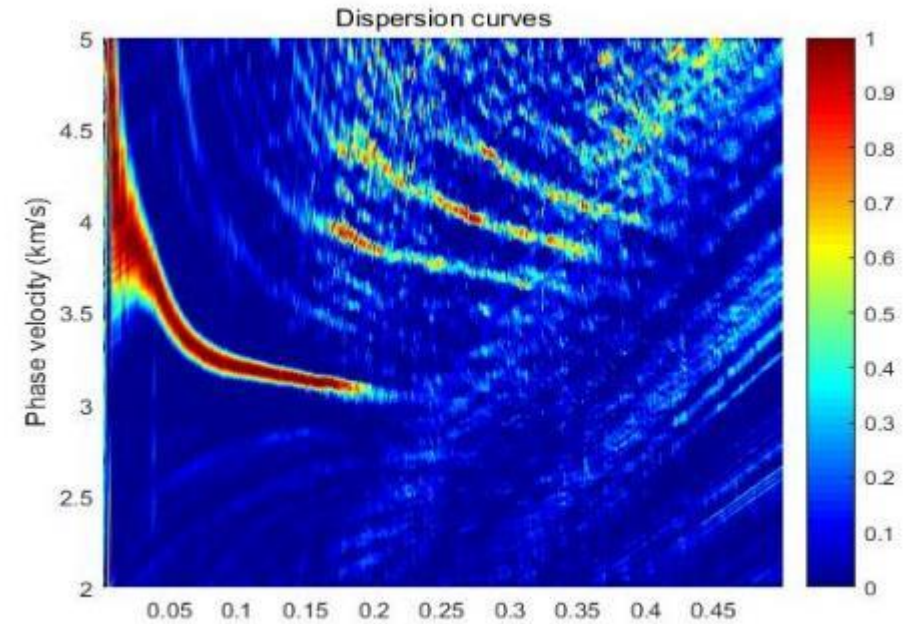


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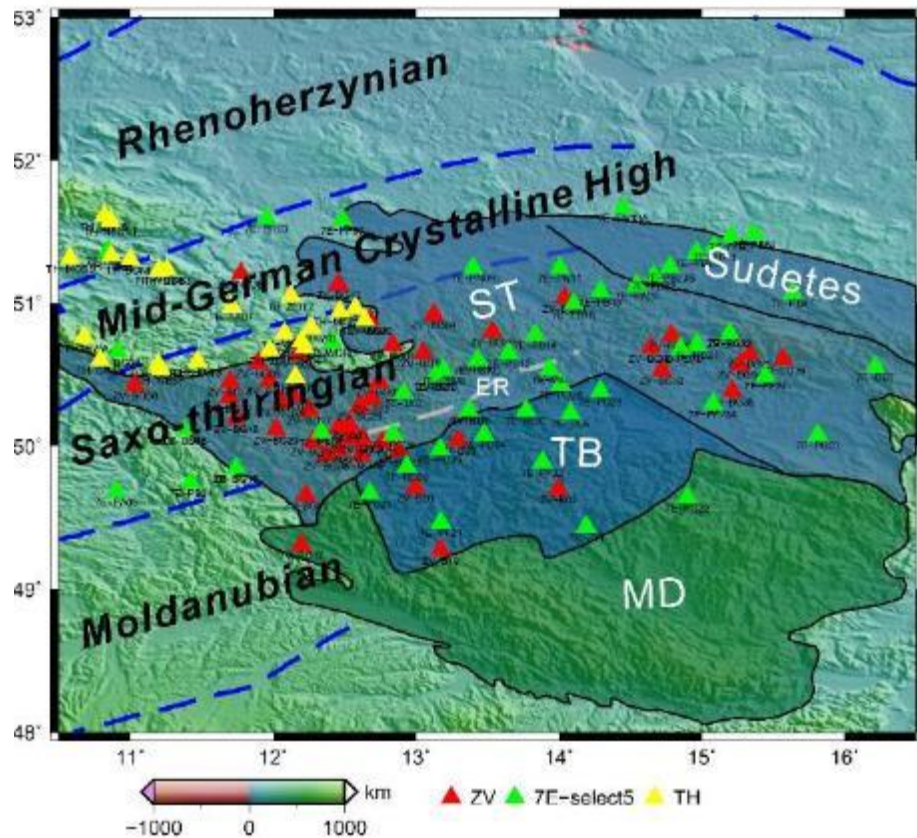
(51 stations, 6 months recording)



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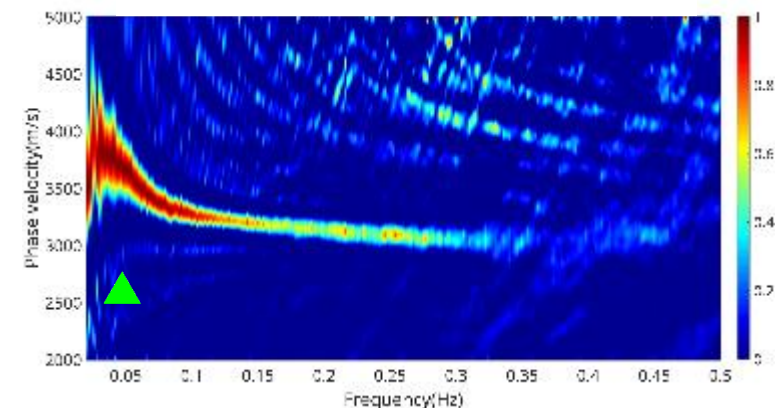
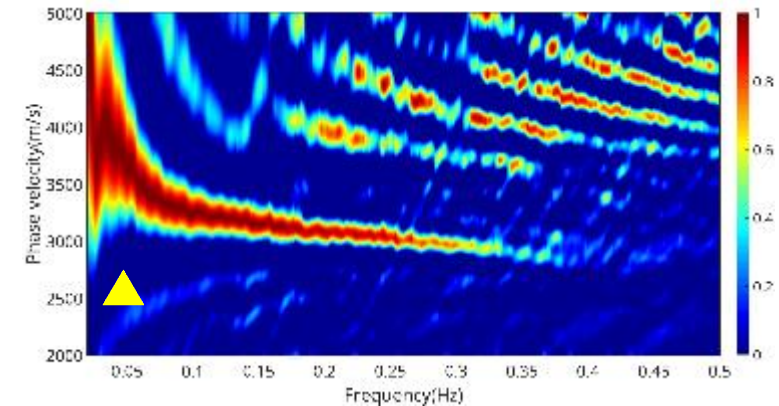
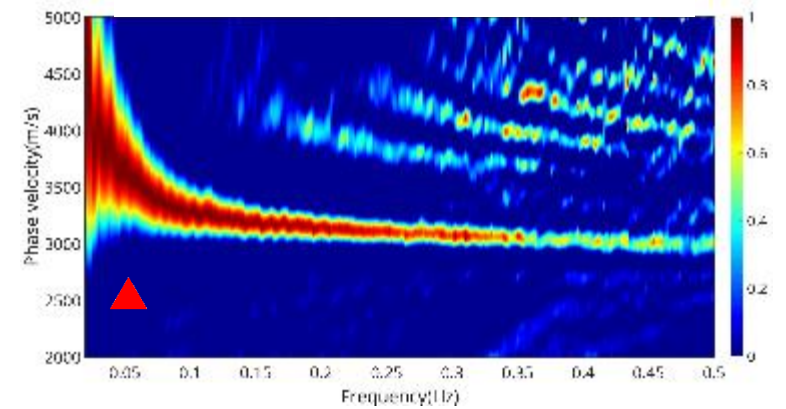
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 ER: Eger Rift

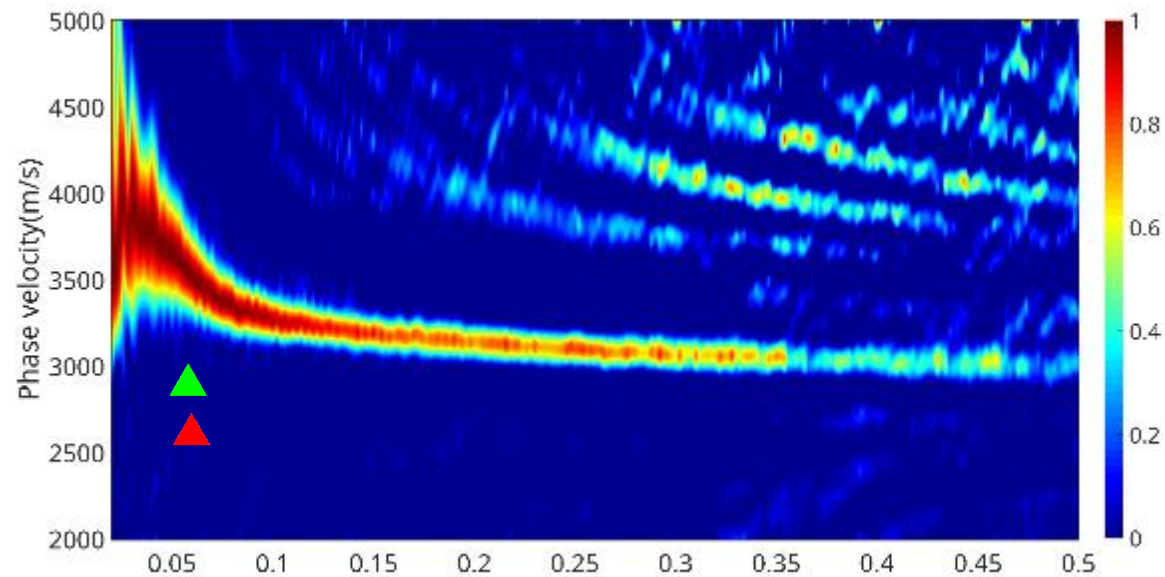
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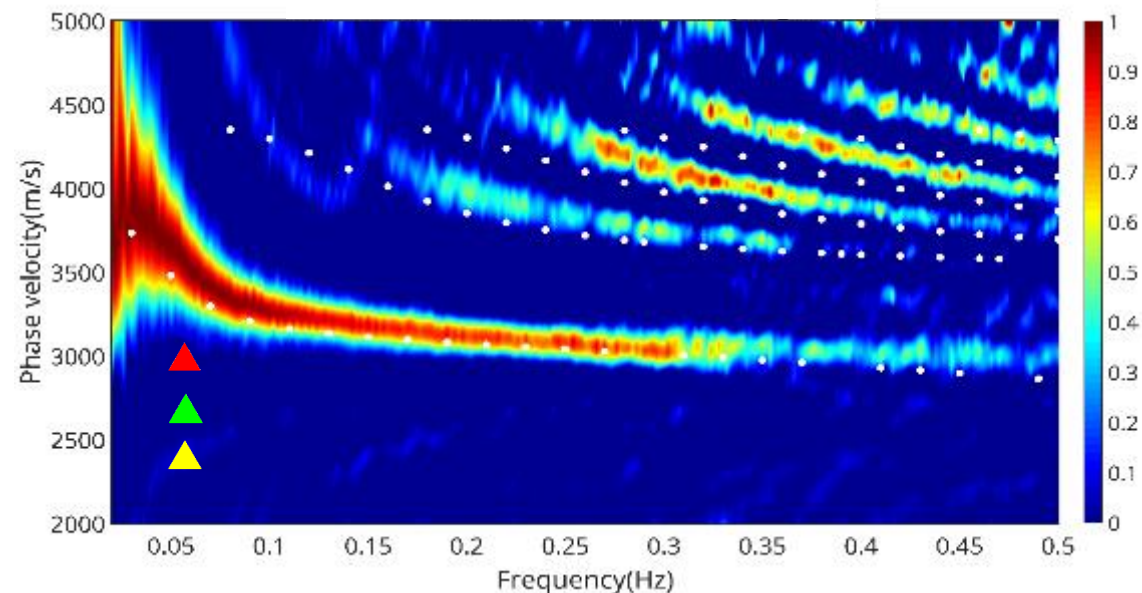
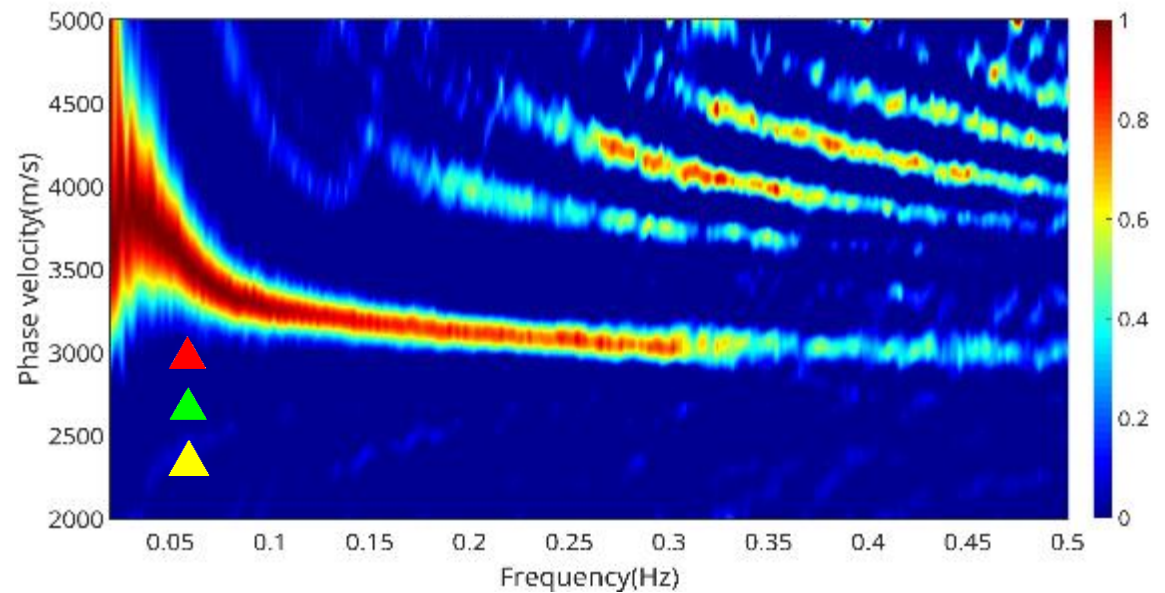
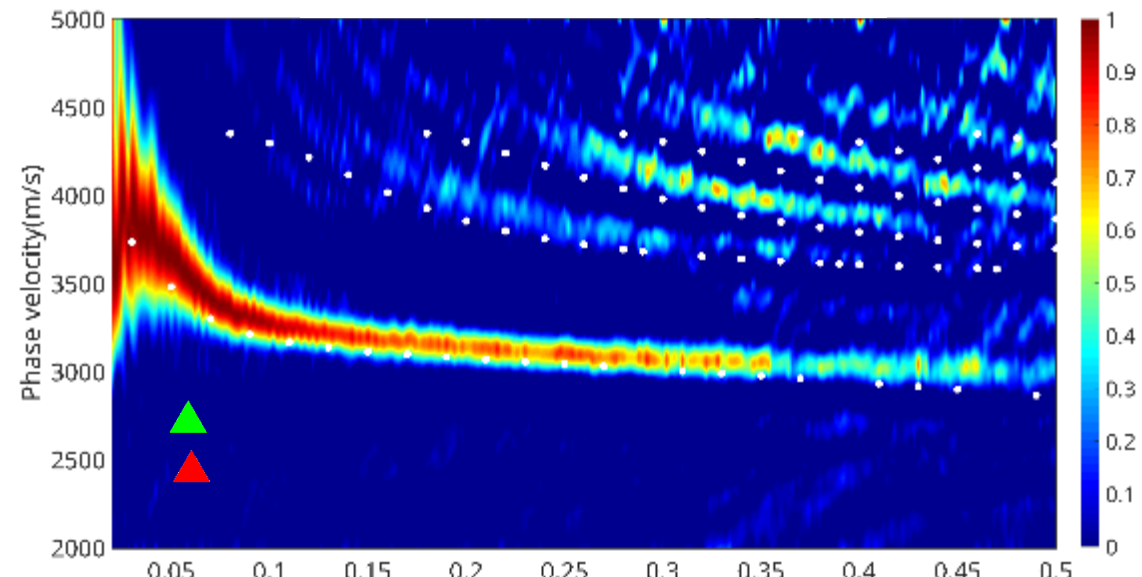




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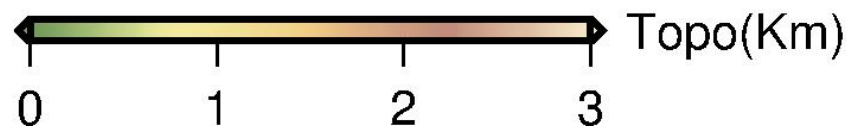
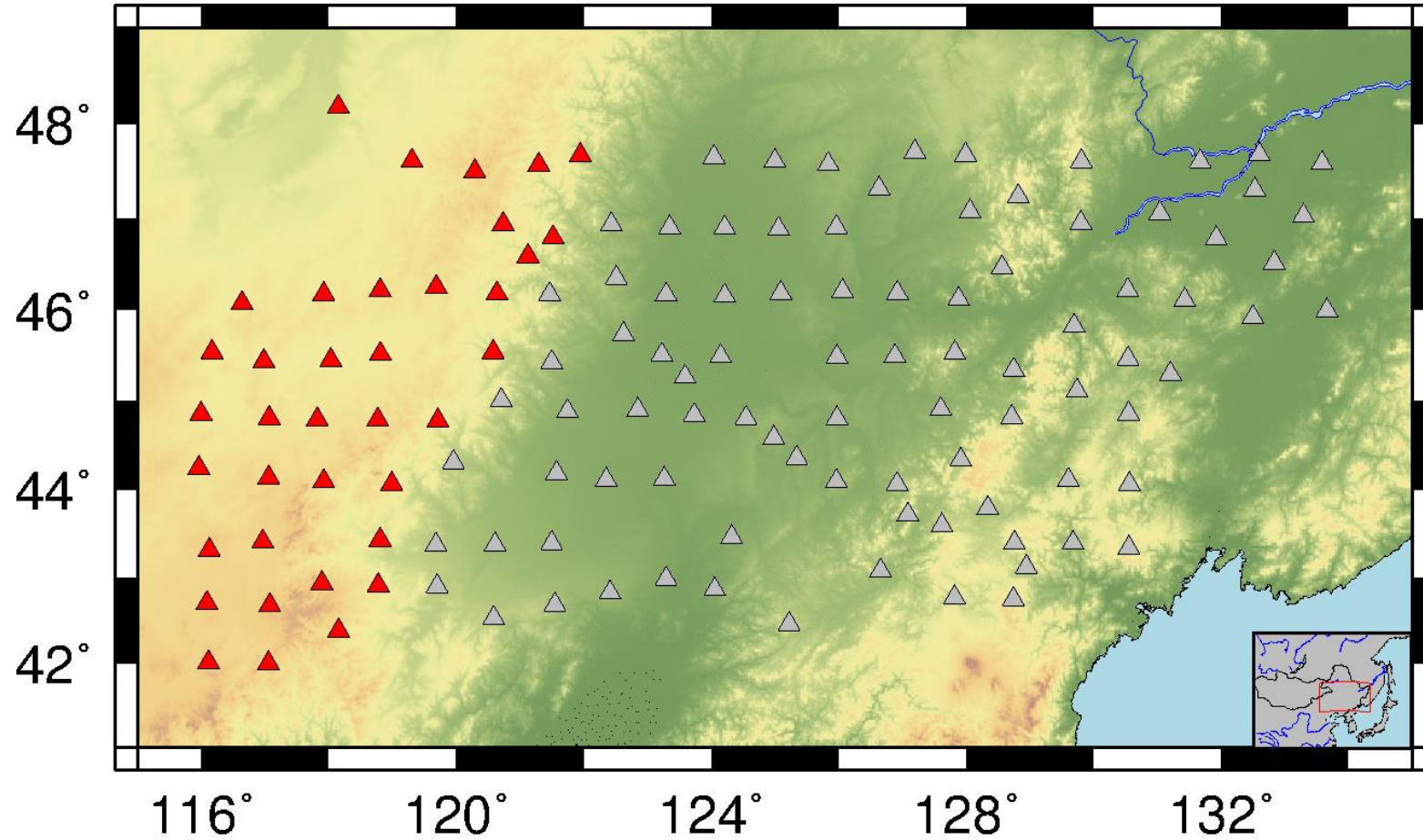


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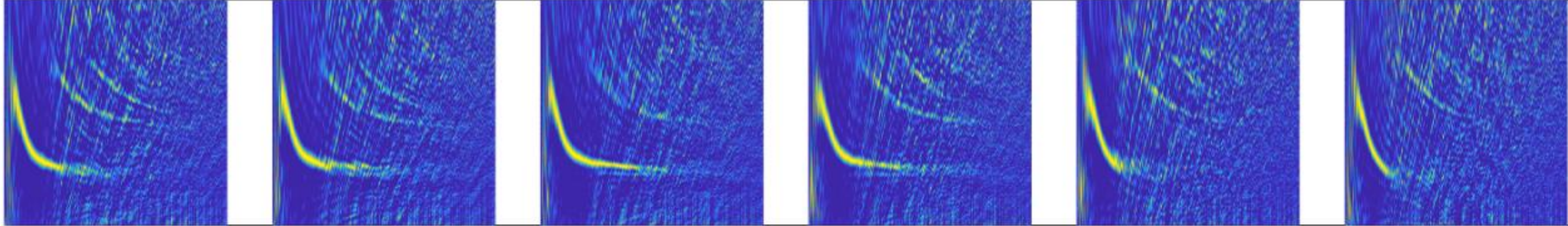


# Northeastern China

Slice have ~80% stations overlap



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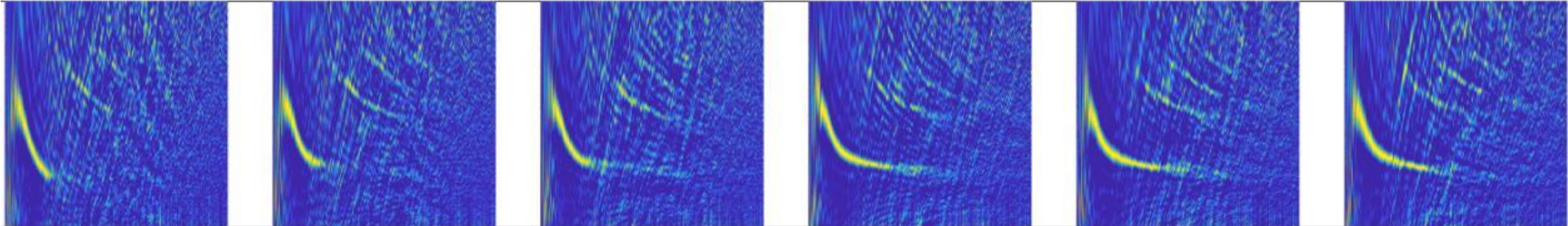
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middle longitude:125.1

middle longitude:126.3

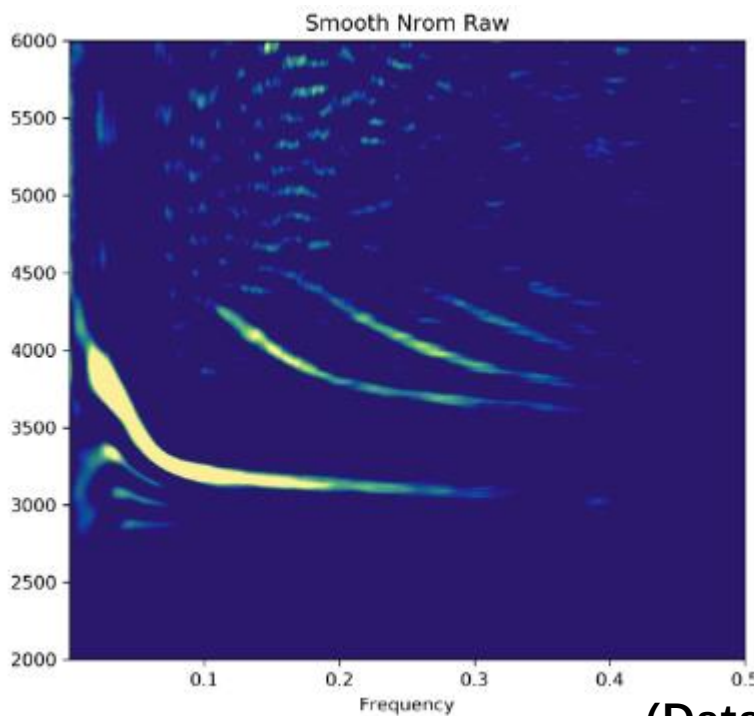
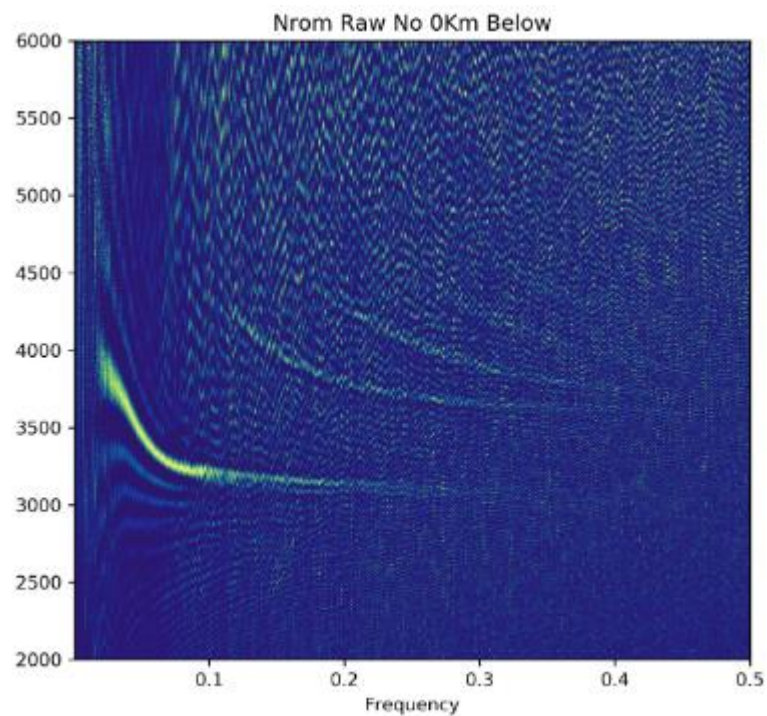
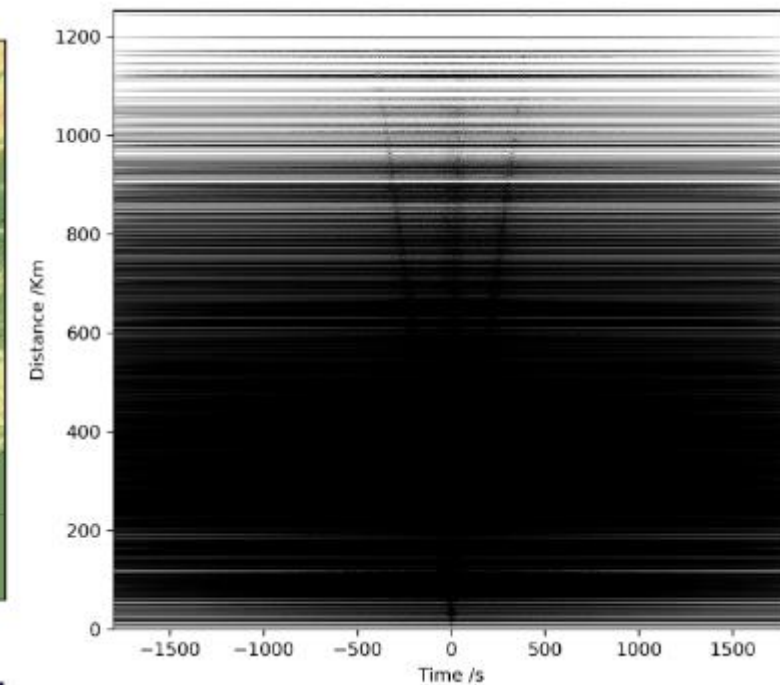
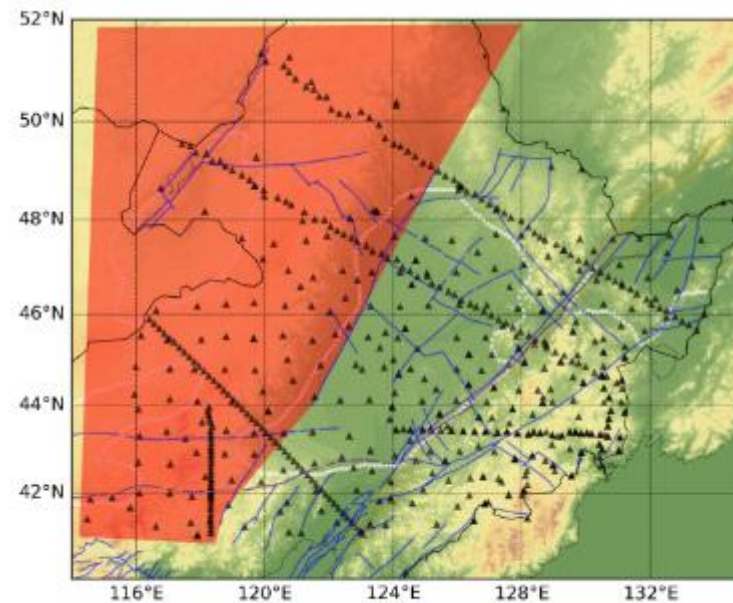
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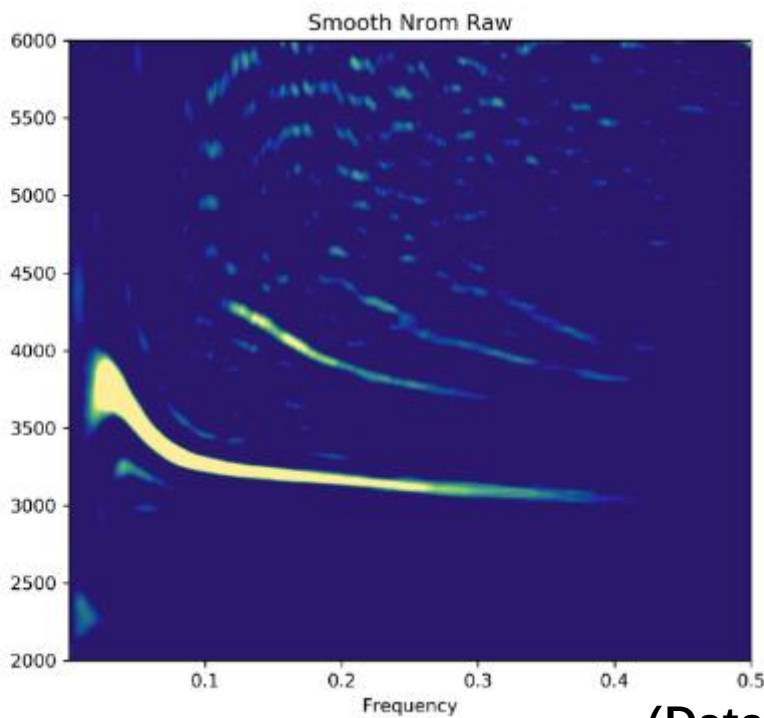
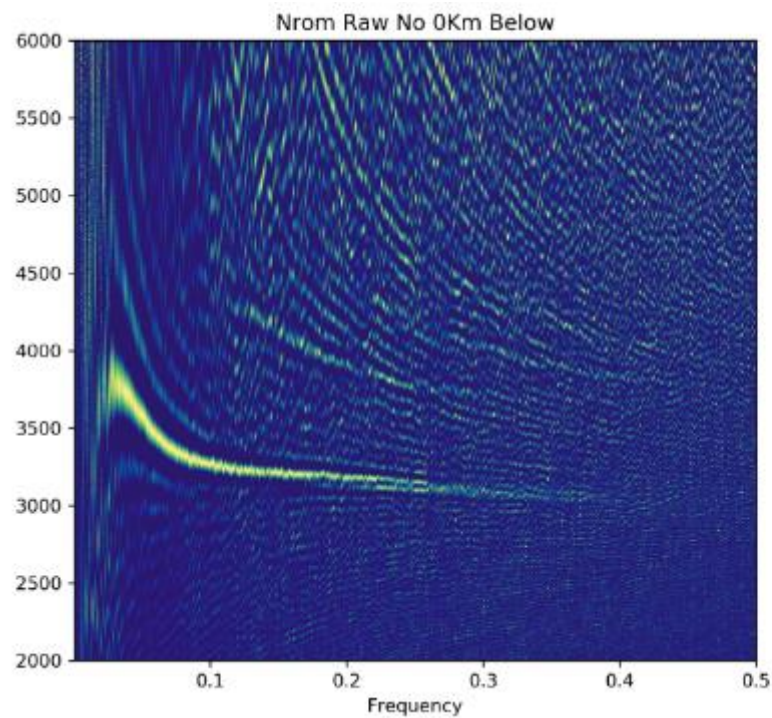
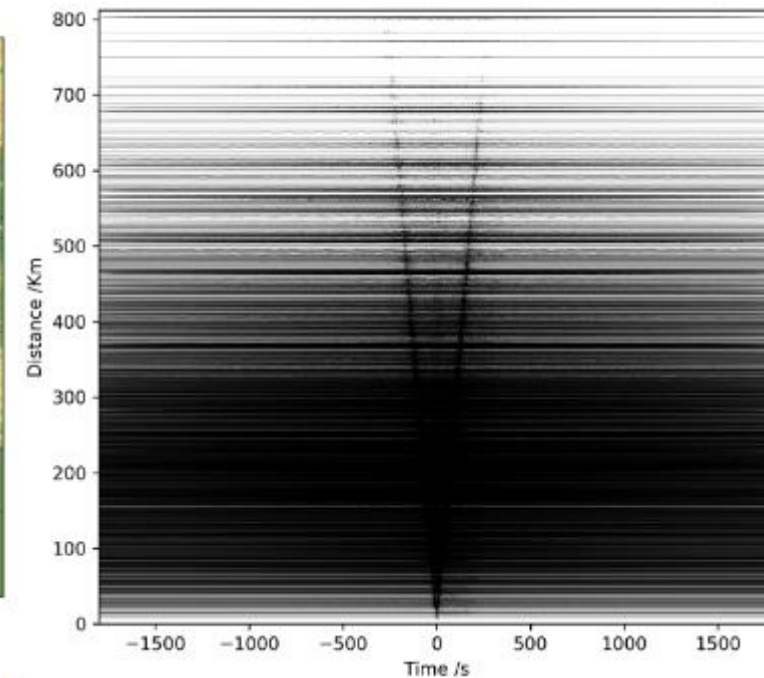
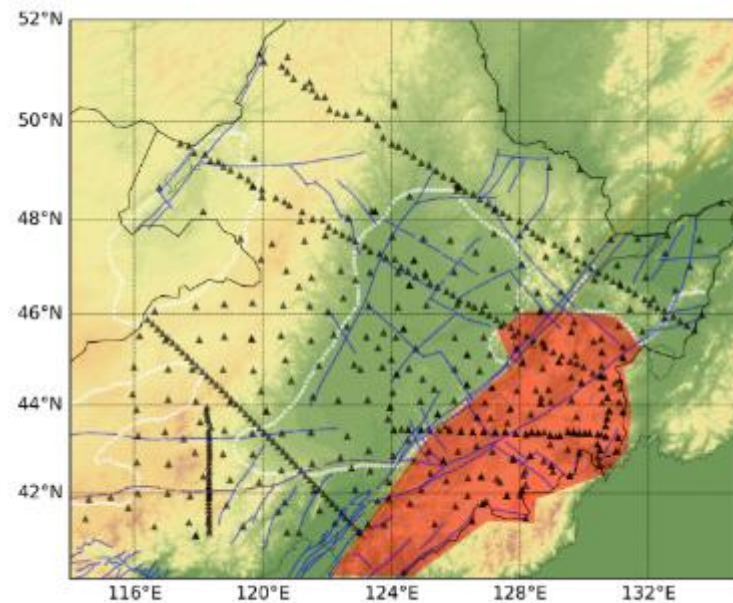
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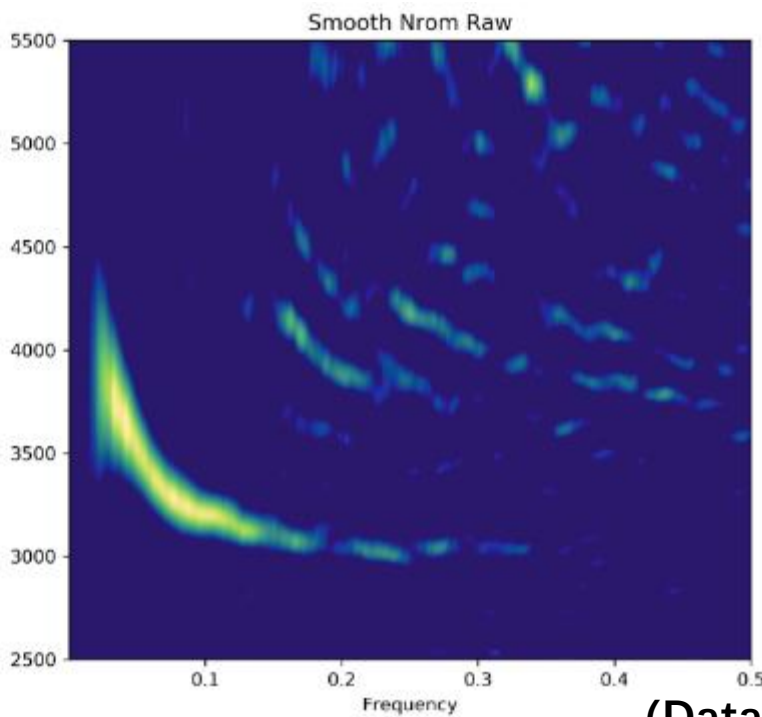
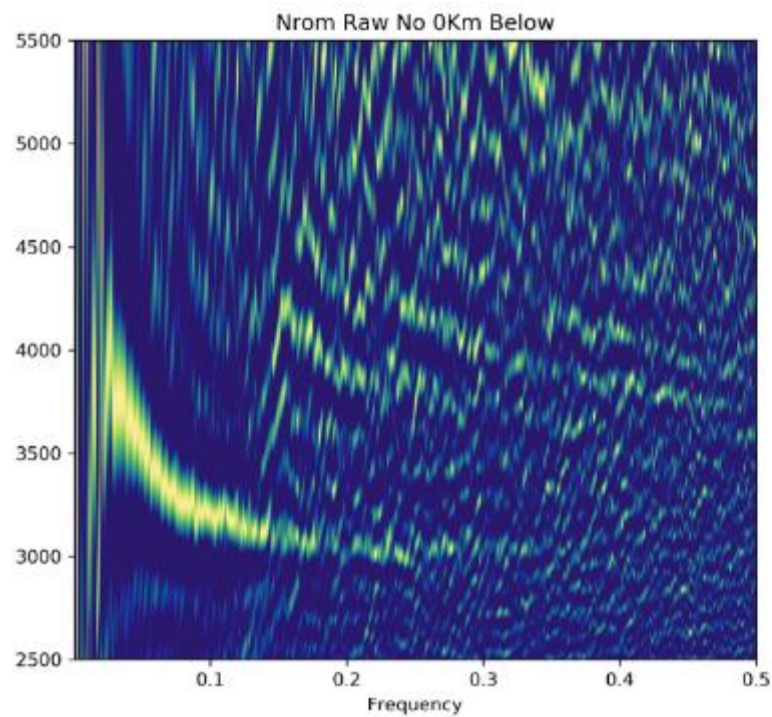
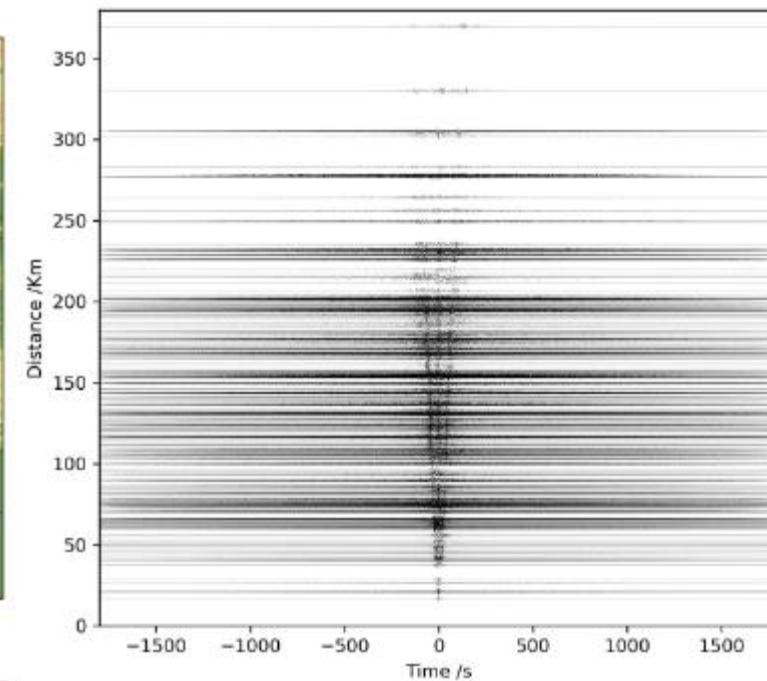
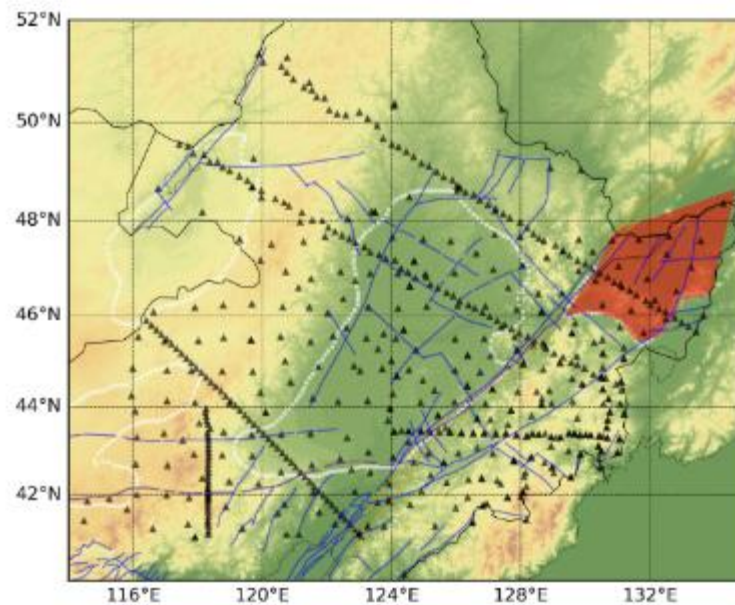
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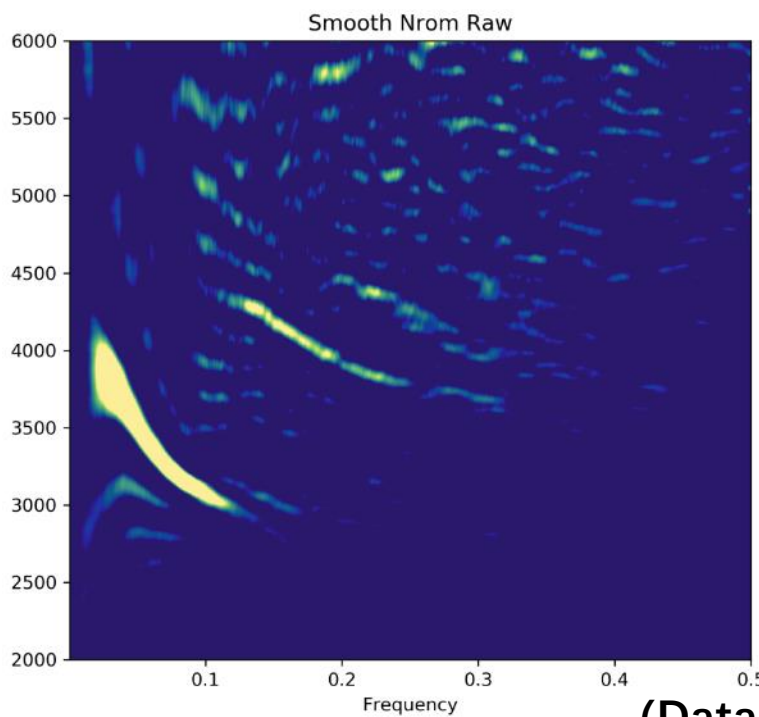
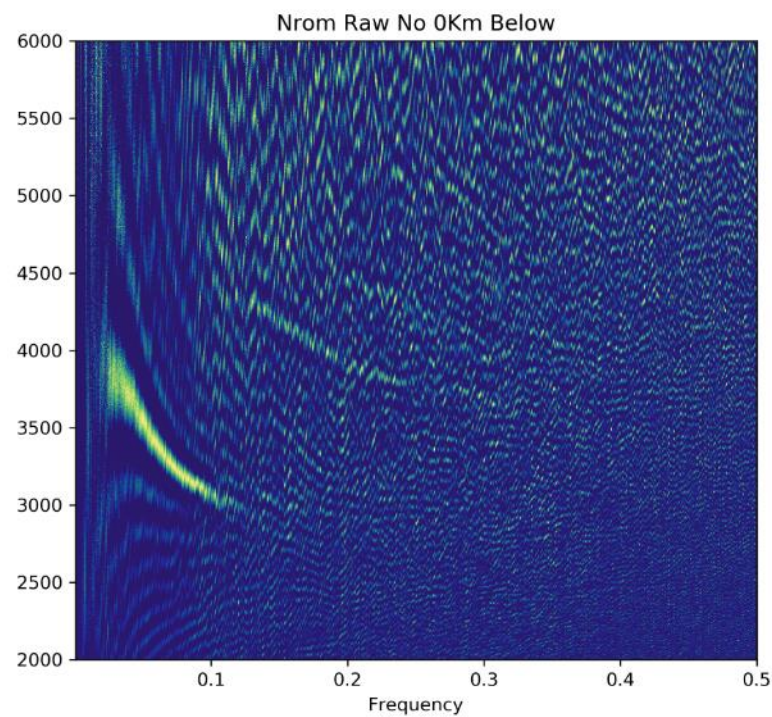
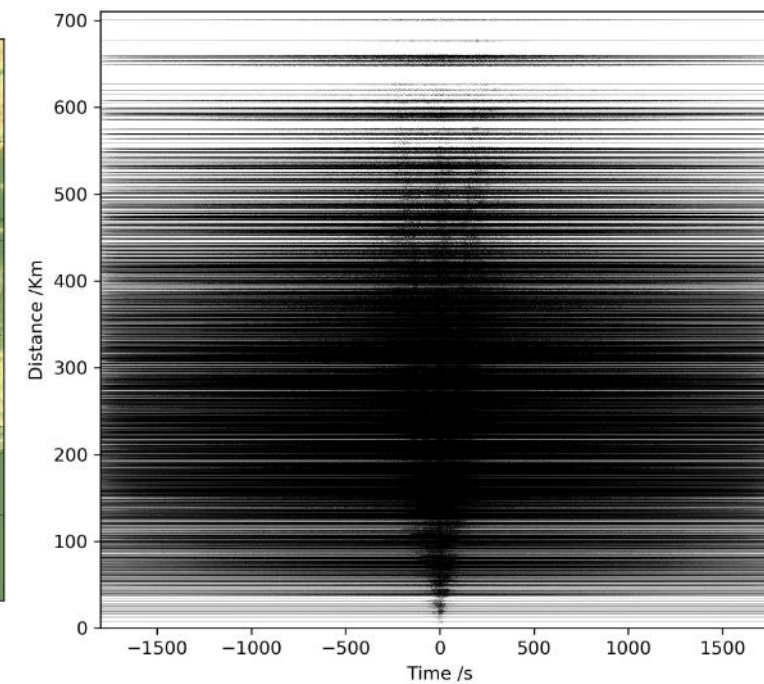
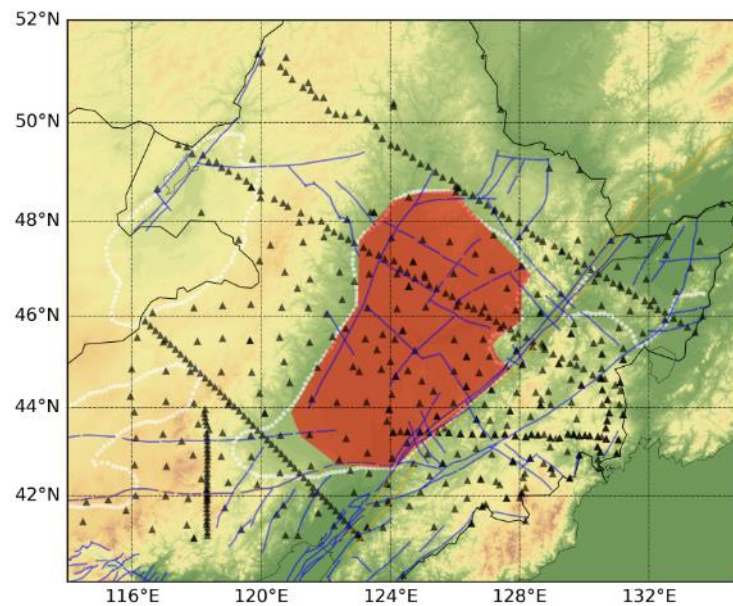
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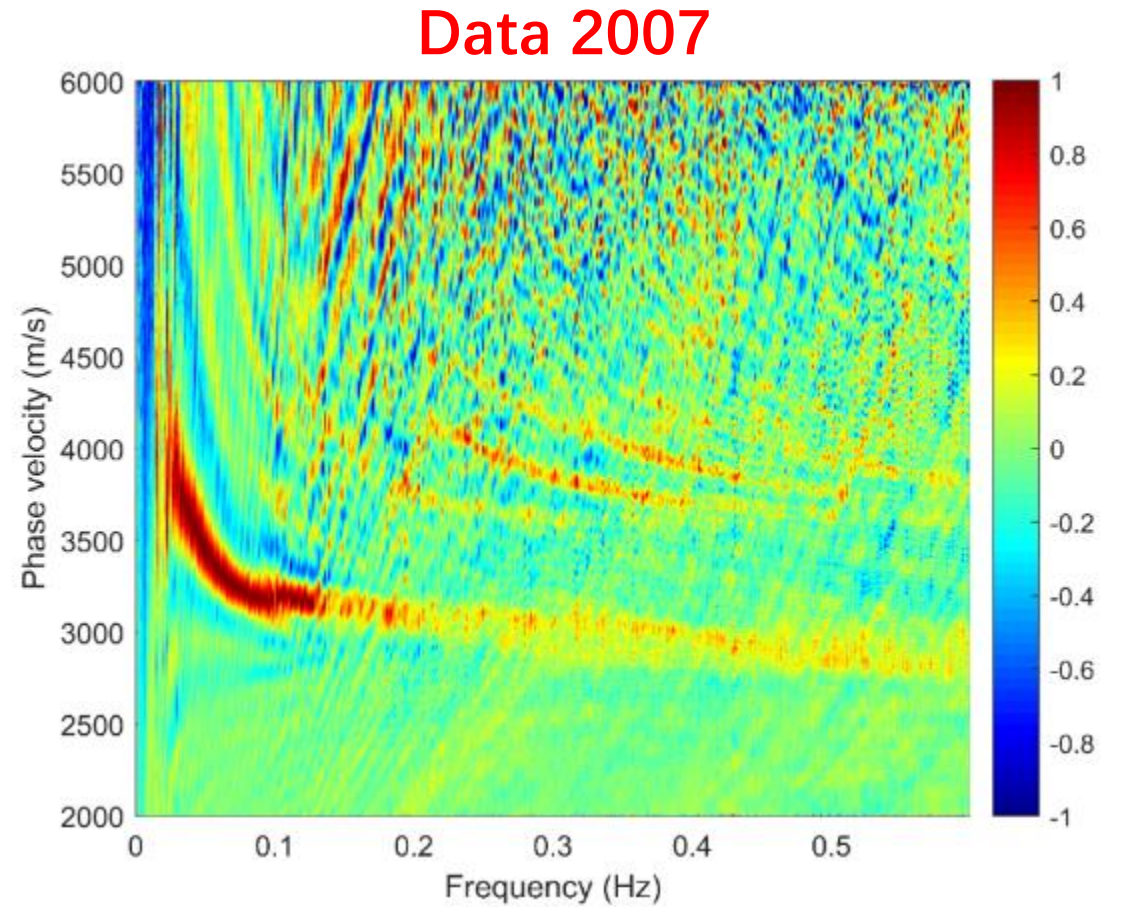
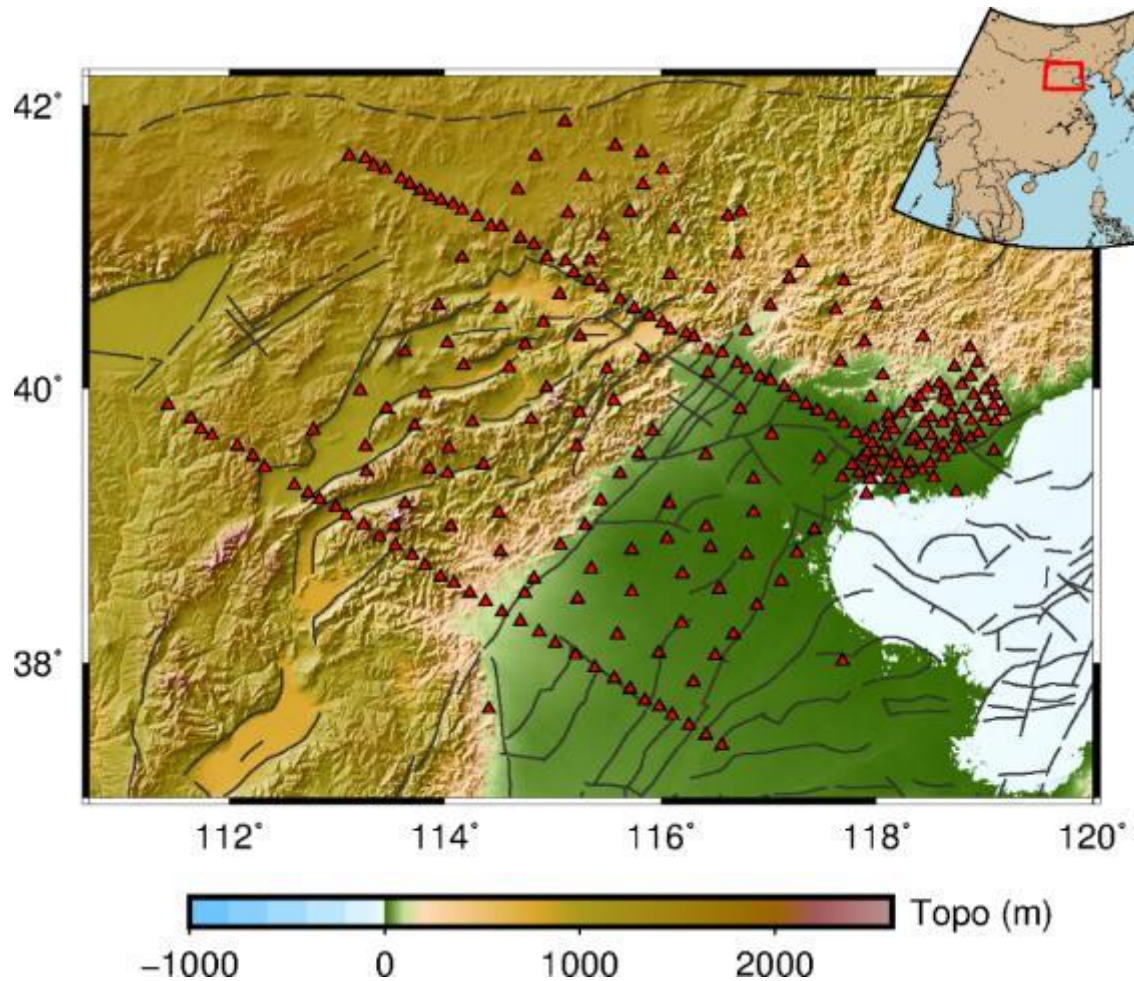
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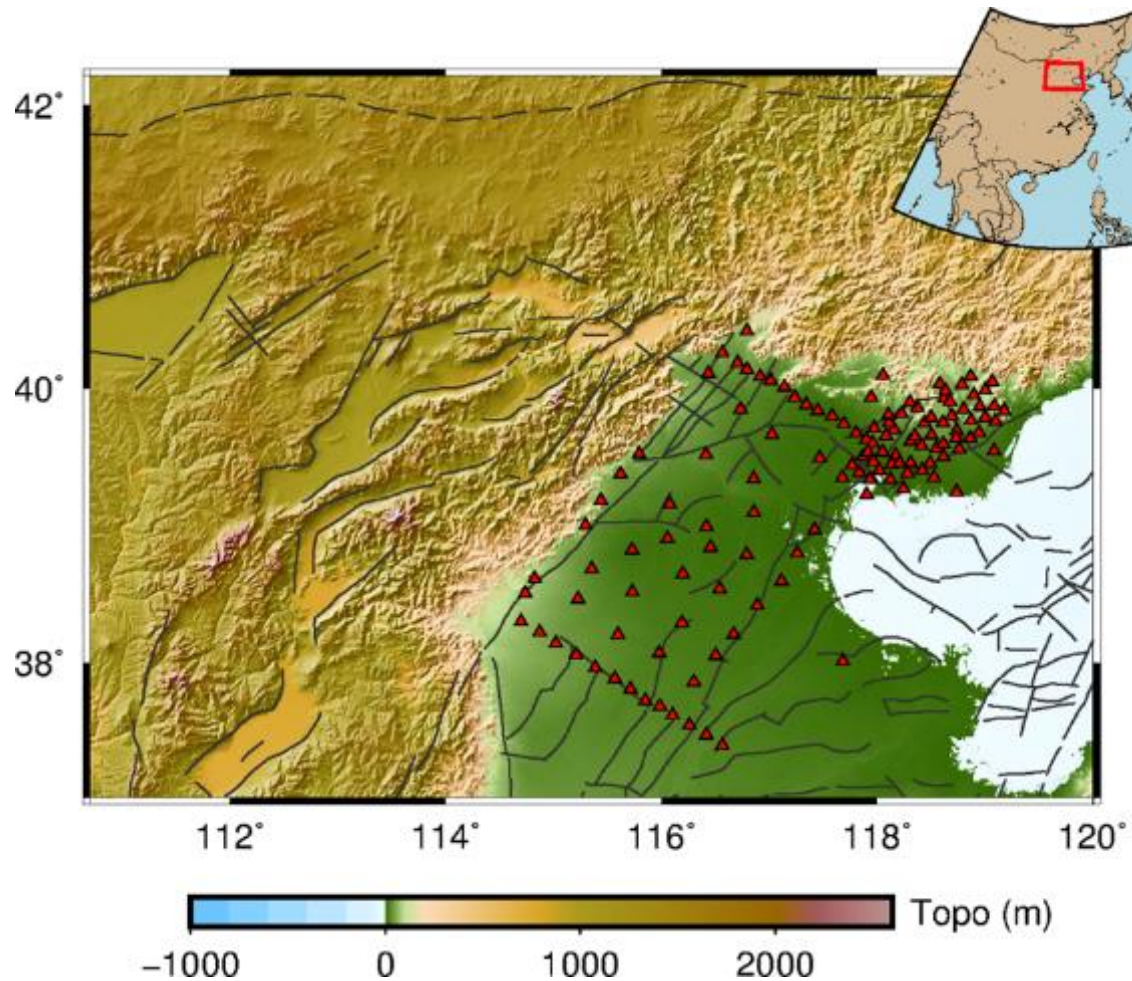
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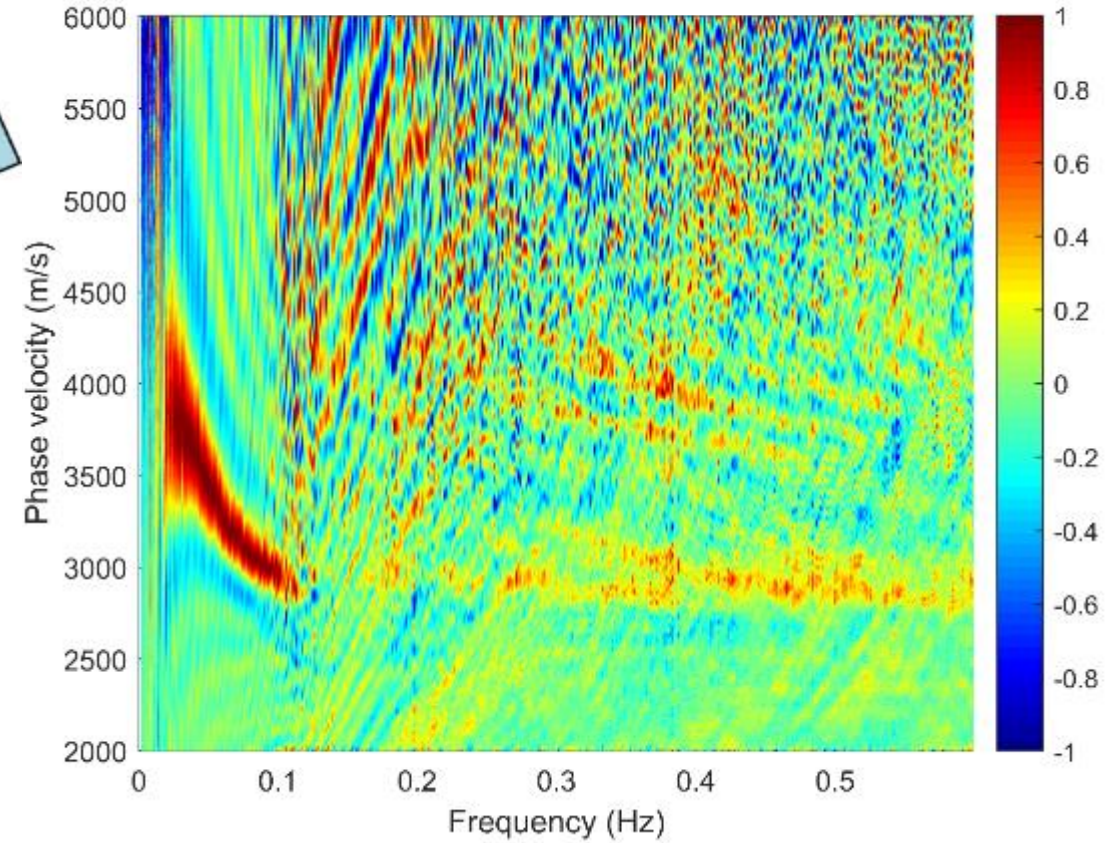
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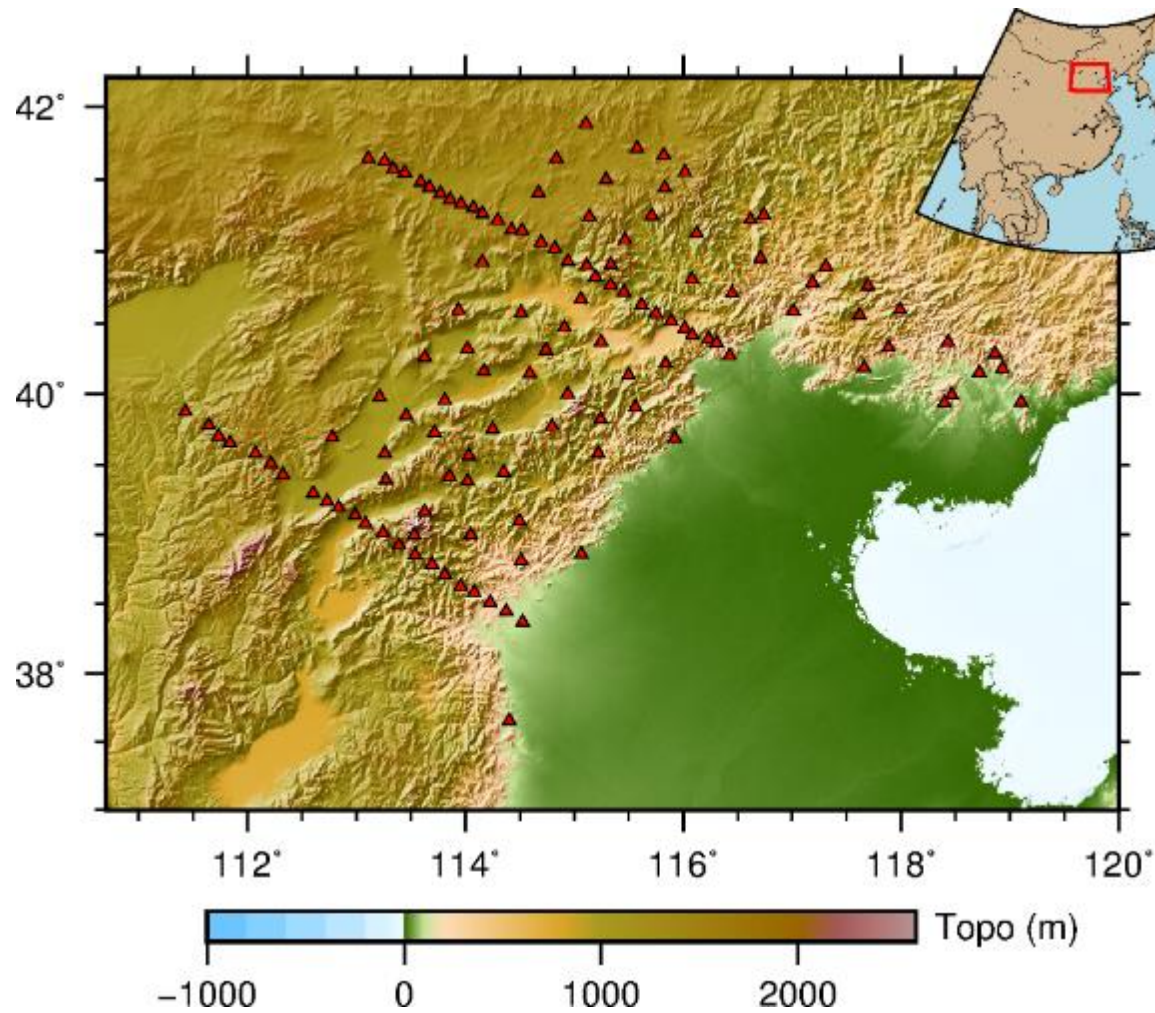


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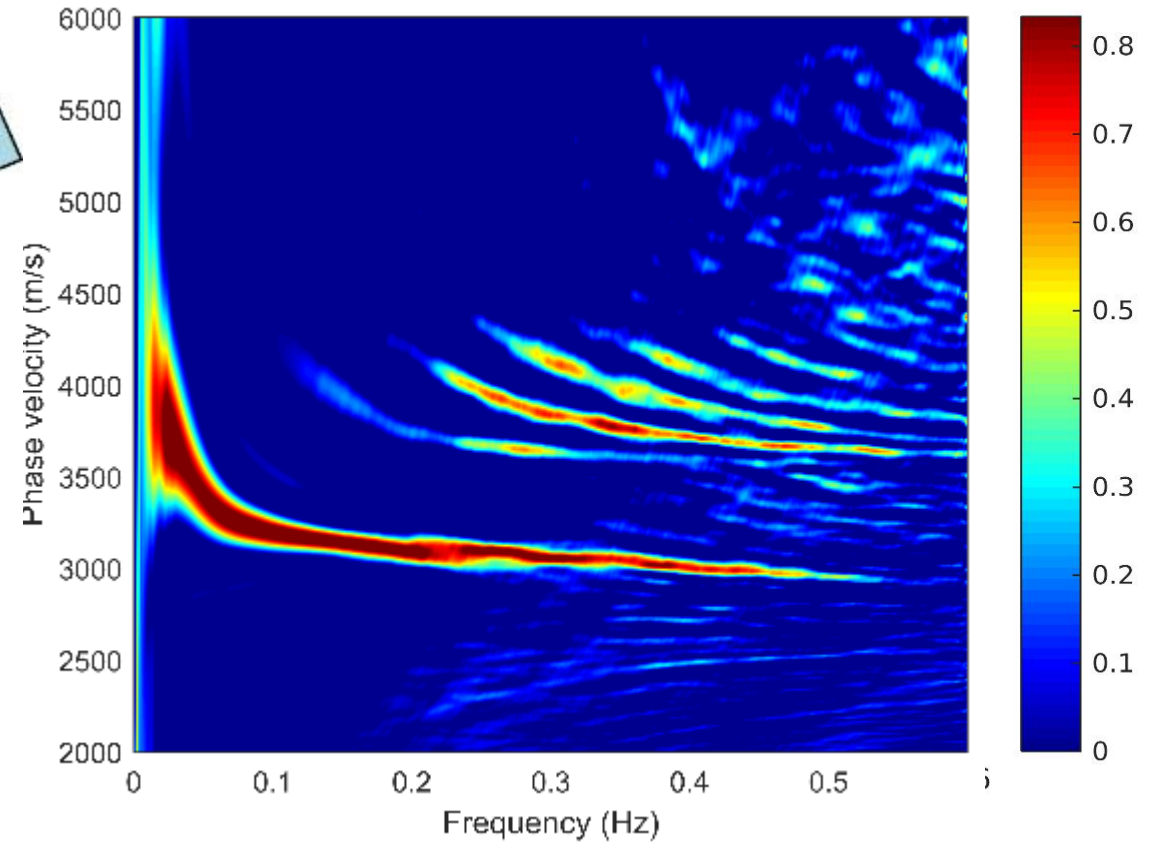


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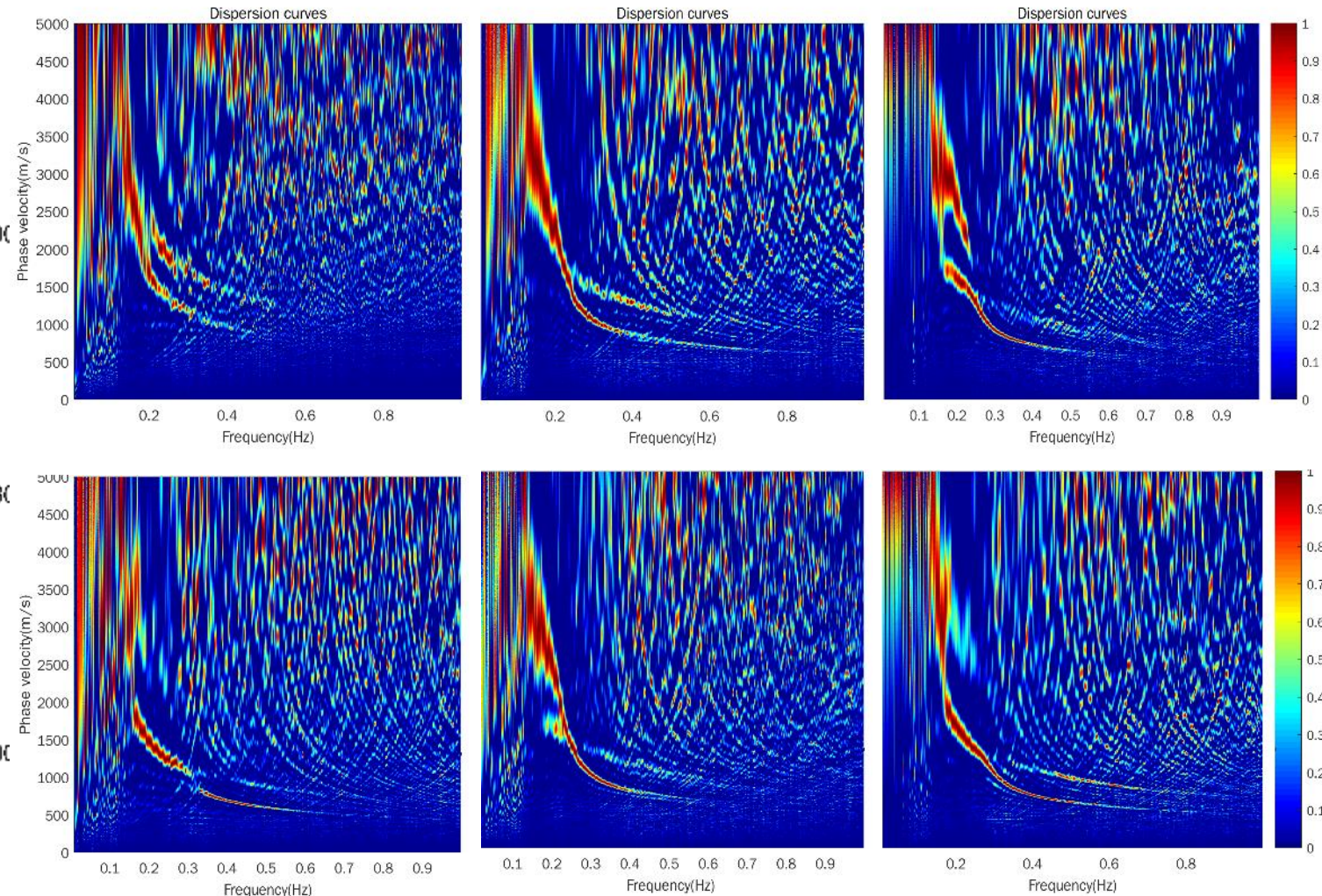
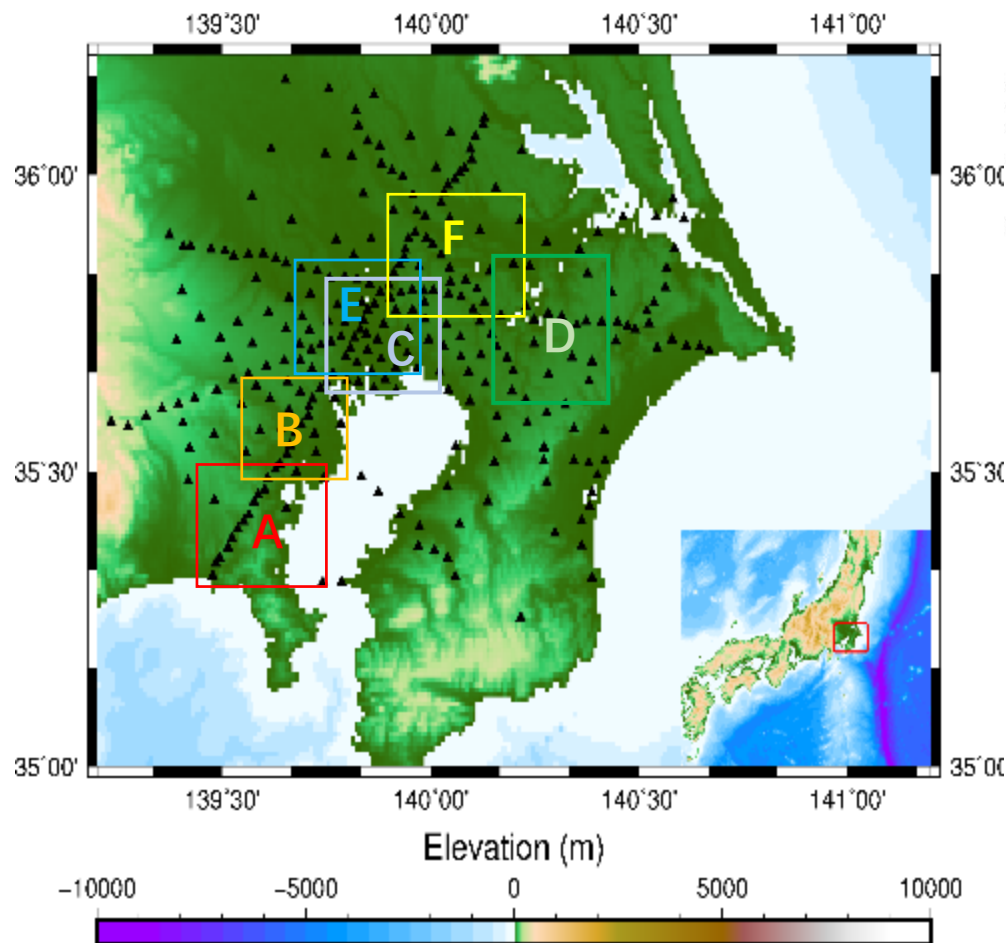


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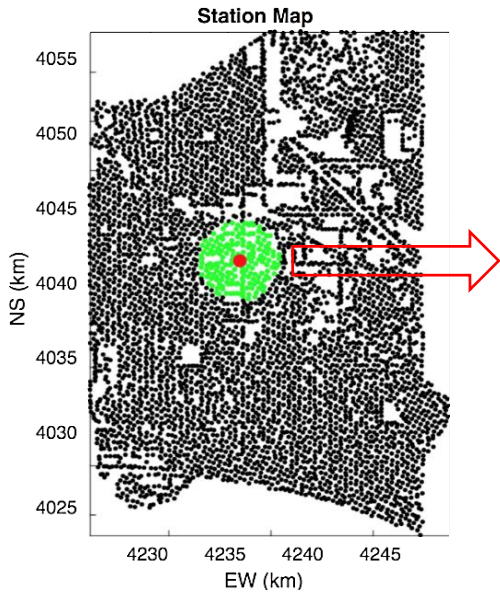
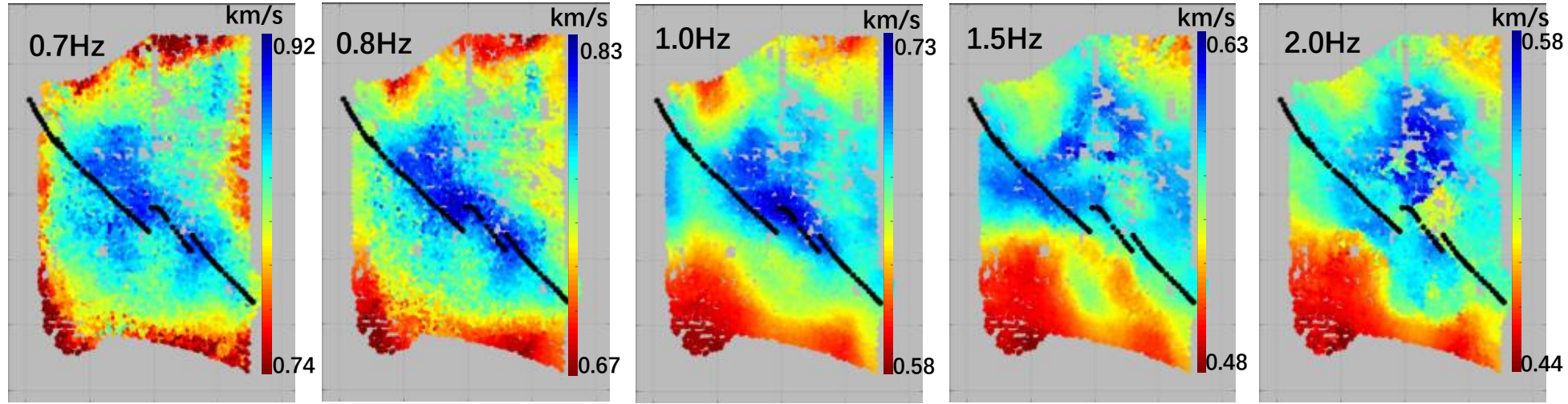
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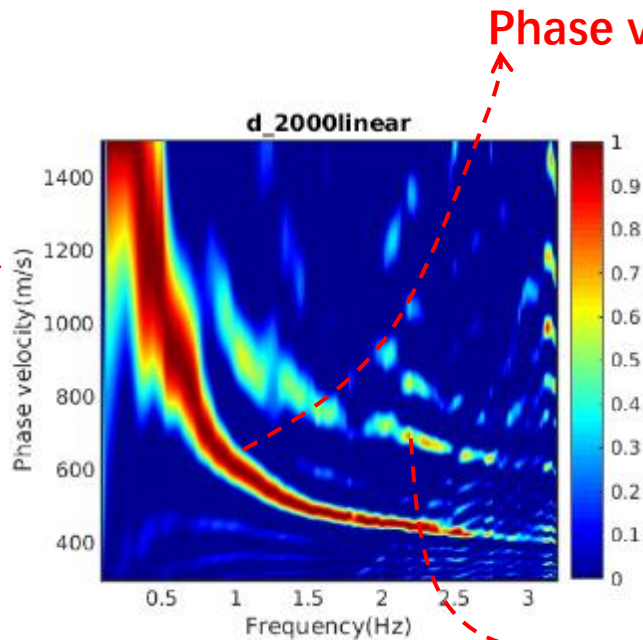
Total number of Stations: **298**  
 Data used: **2018.1.1-2018.6.30**  
 (from Open Data of NIED, Japan)

Sub-area	A	B	C	D	E	F
Number of Stations	19	29	44	24	39	32

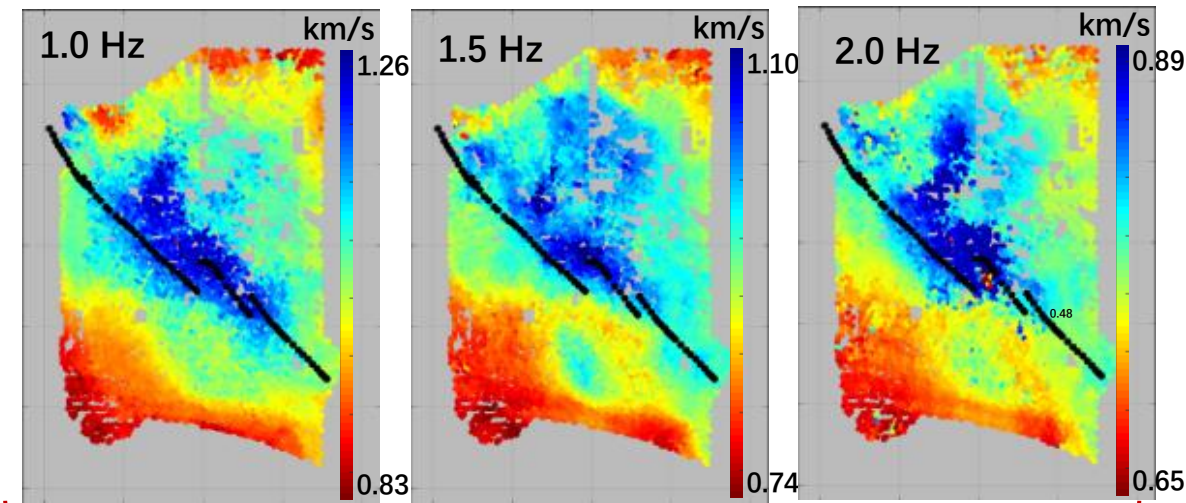
# Re-processing of the Long Beach experimental data by F-J Method



(e.g., Lin et al., 2013)



Phase velocity of fundamental mode (0th mode)

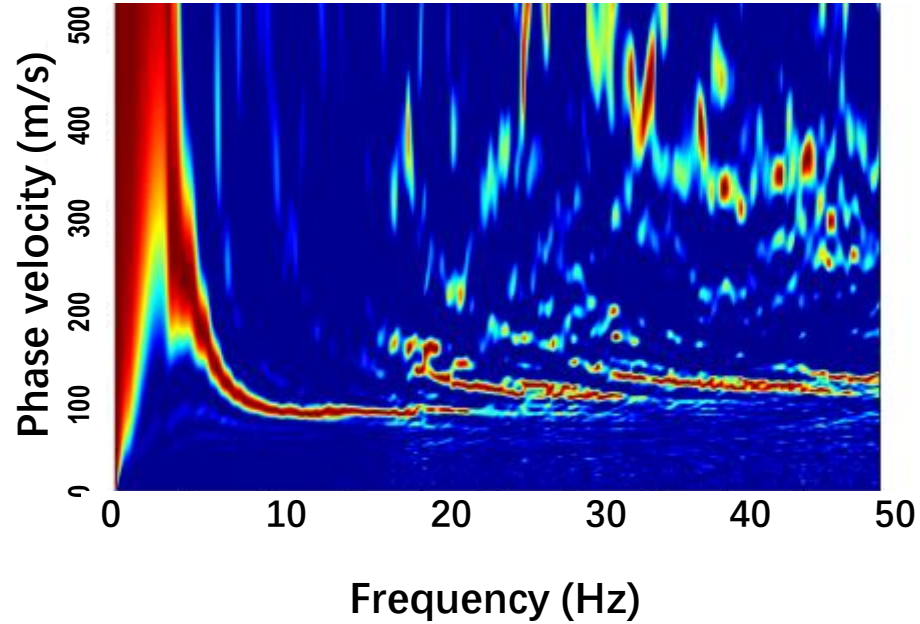


Phase velocity of first higher mode (1st mode)

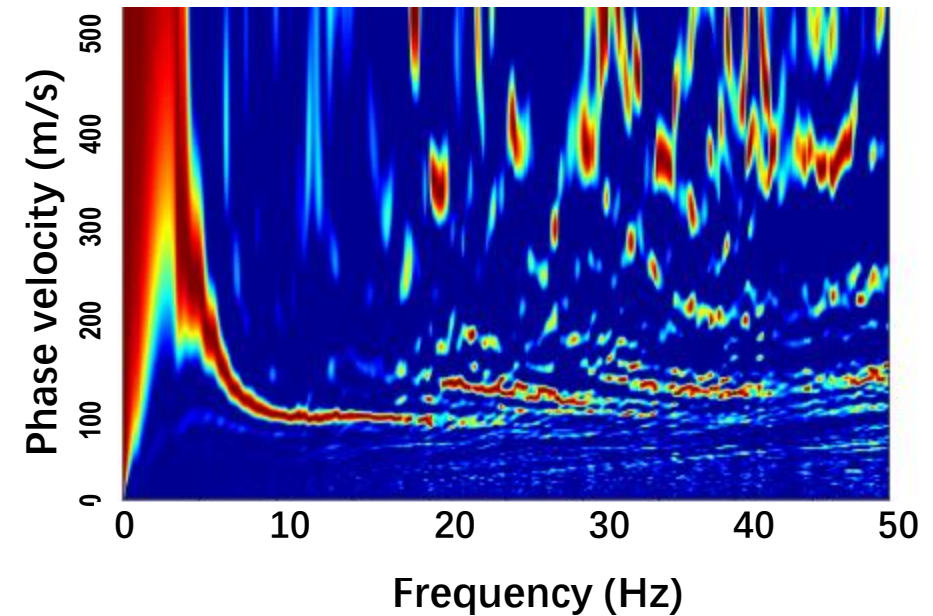
# Application in Geo-Engineering Survey:



20 stations survey



10 stations survey



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# Inversion of Multi-modal dispersion curves

- Objective function of multi-modal dispersion curves:

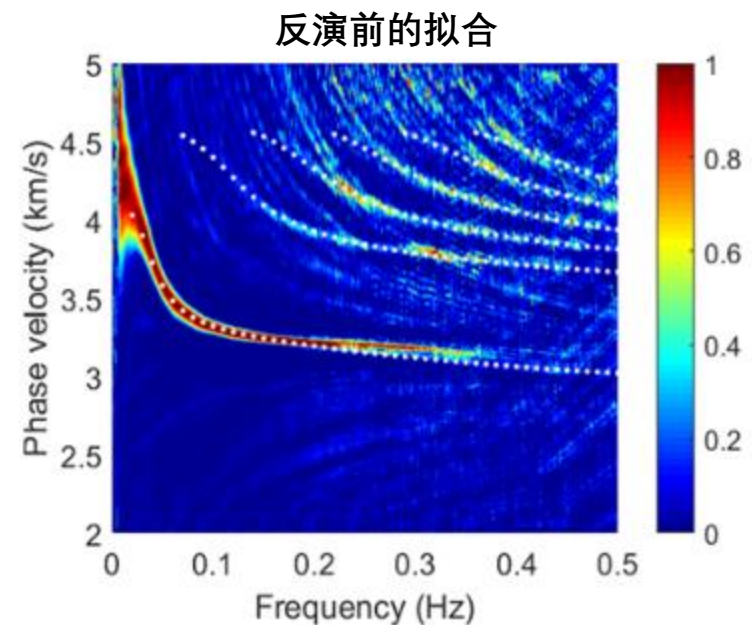
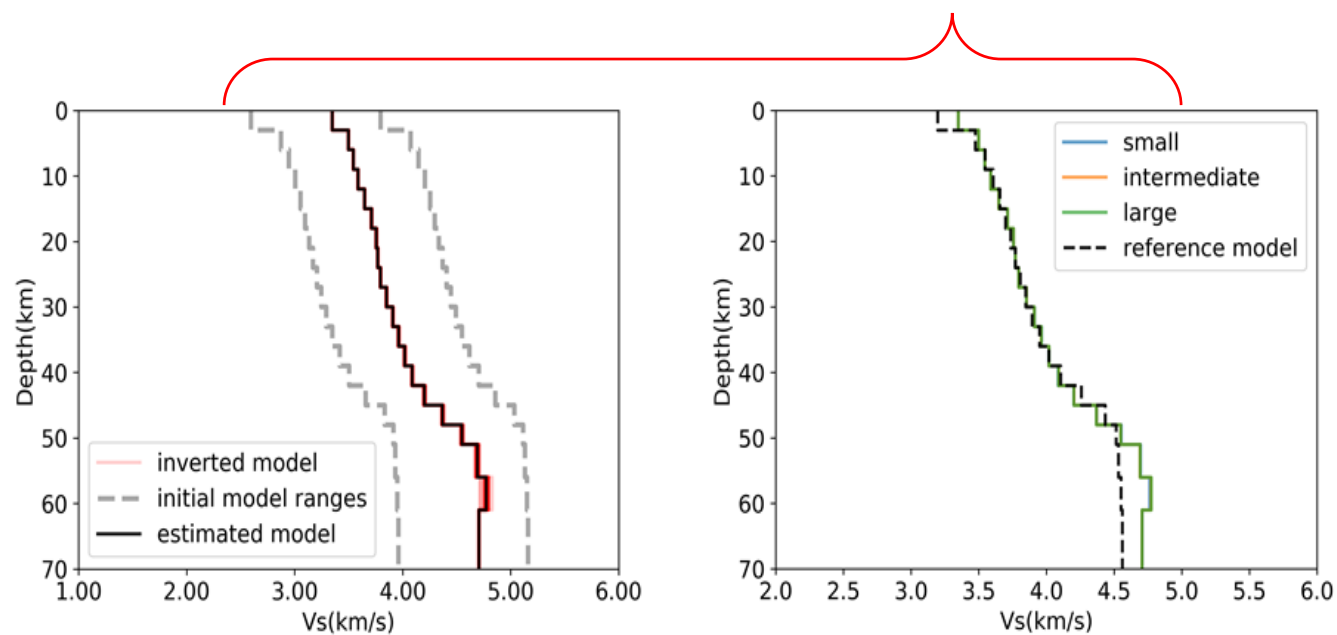
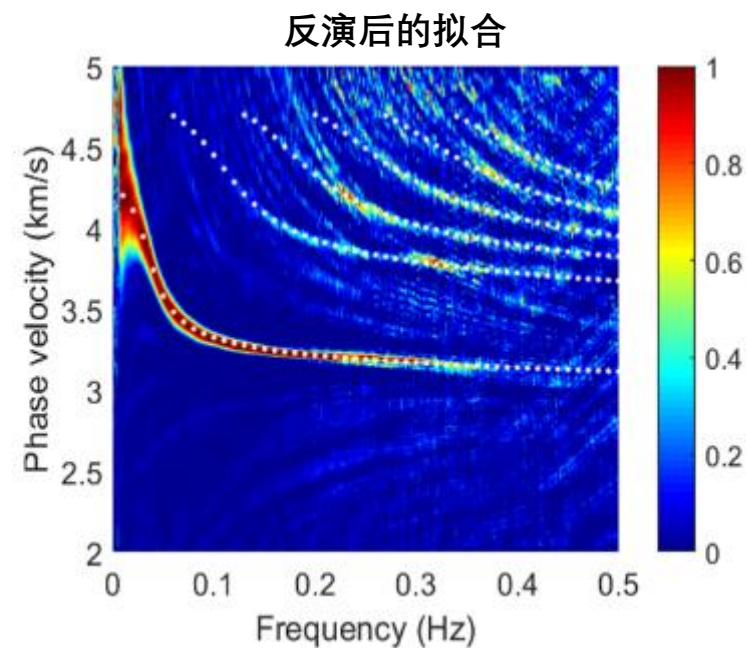
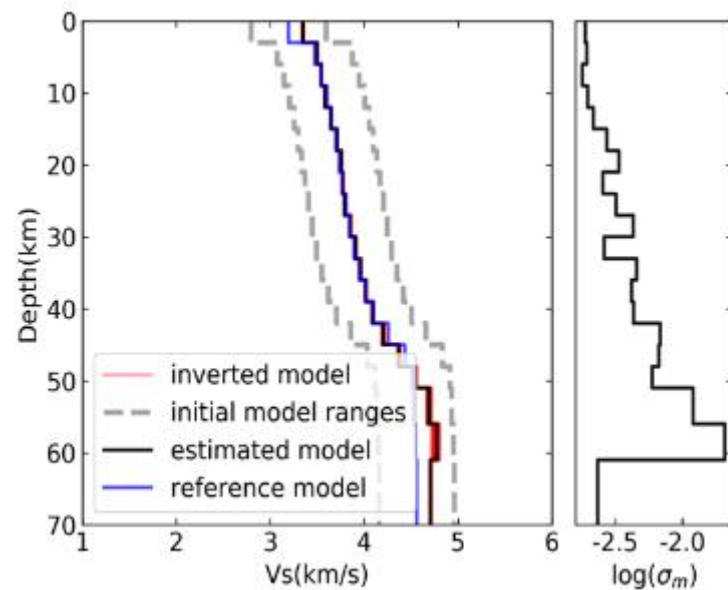
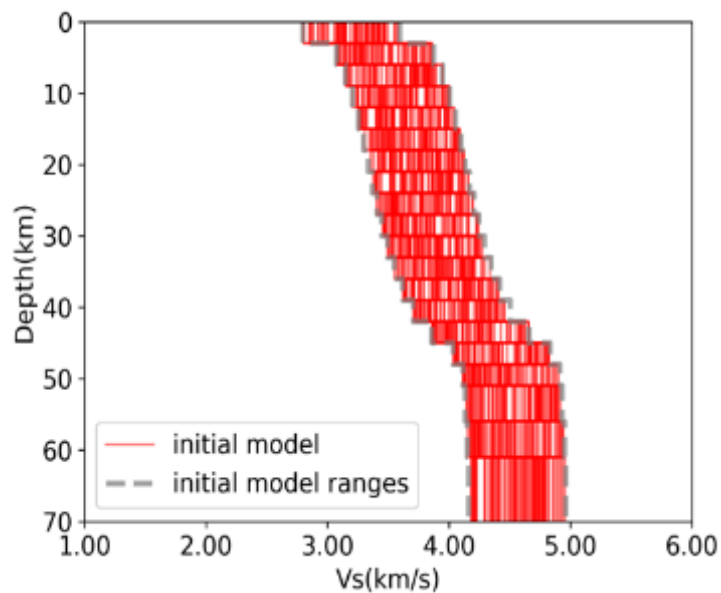
$$f(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_k \frac{a_k}{n_k} \left\{ \sum_i [c_{ik}^s(\mathbf{m}) - c_{ik}^o]^2 \right\}$$

- Running each inversion by BFGS algorithm,
- then running a number of inversion with randomly distributed initial model within a given sub-model space,
- Final estimated model is calculated by a weighted sum:

$$\hat{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^M w(\mathbf{m}_j)} \sum_{j=1}^M w(\mathbf{m}_j) \mathbf{m}_j, \quad w(\mathbf{m}_i) = [f_N(\mathbf{m}_i)]^{-p}$$

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^M (\mathbf{m}_i - \hat{\mathbf{m}})^2}$$

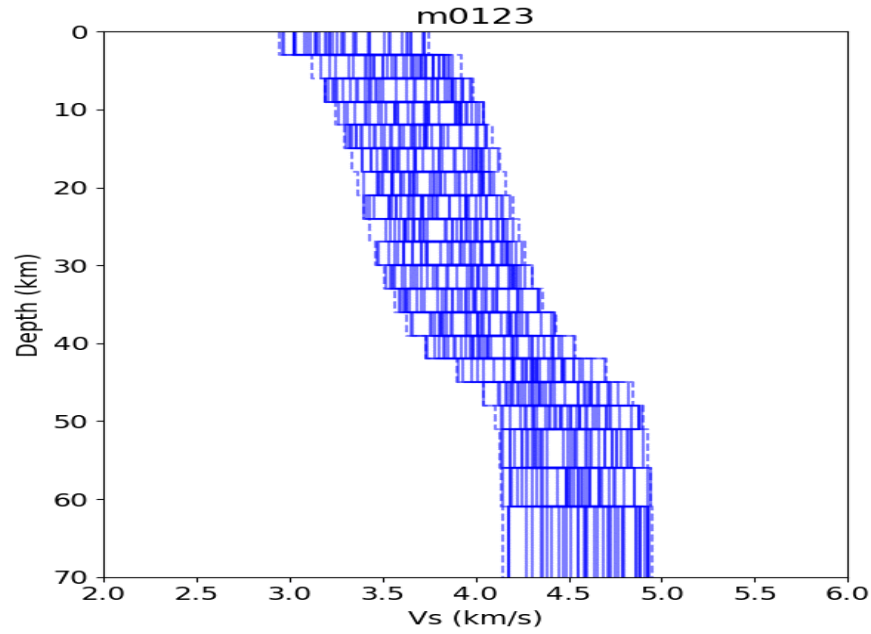
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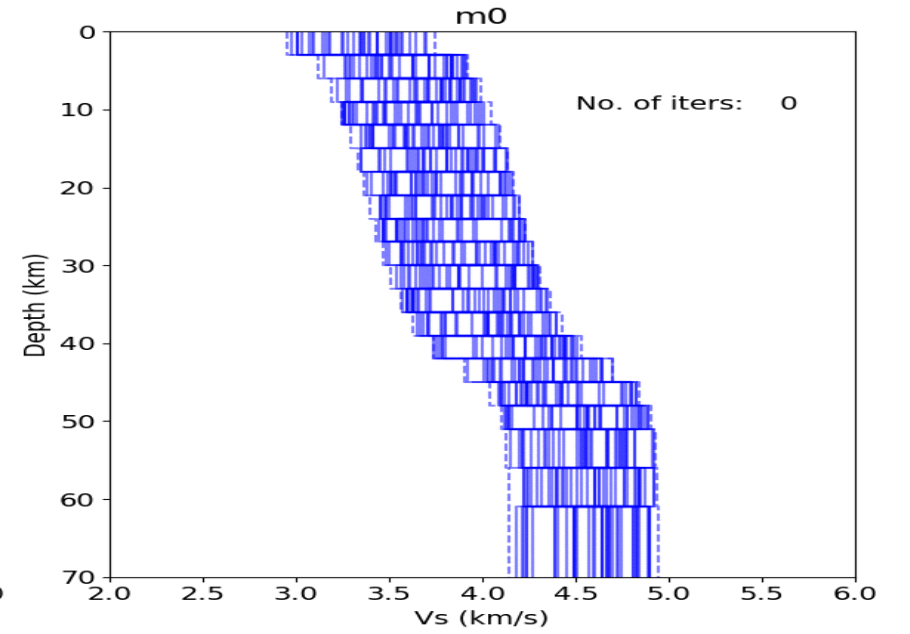


Model iteration  
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initial models

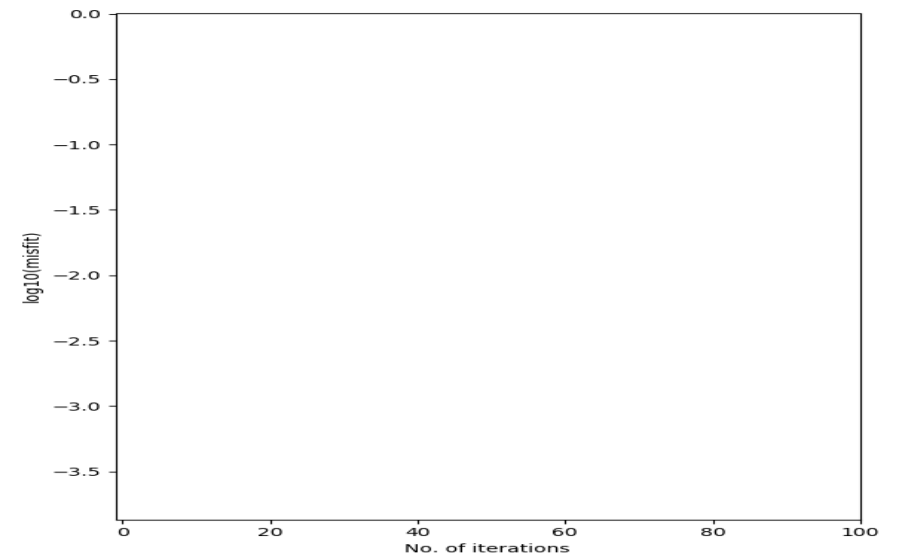
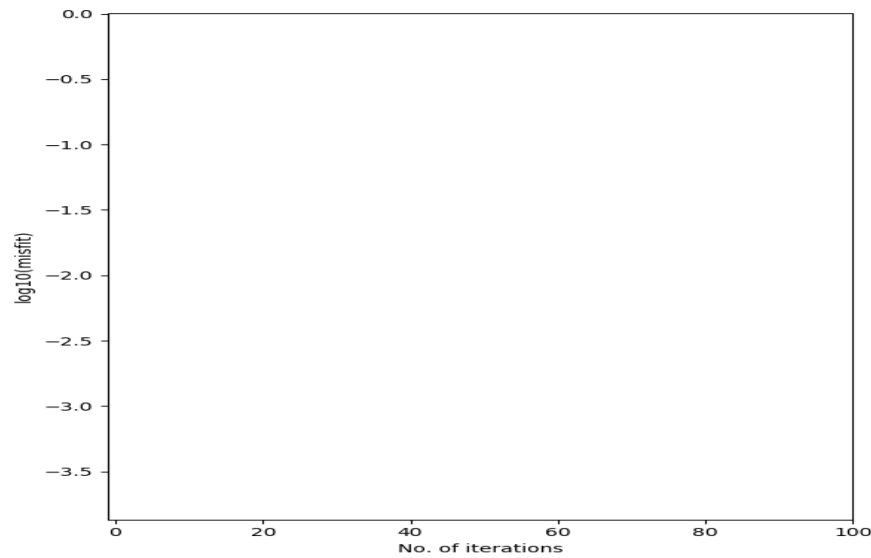
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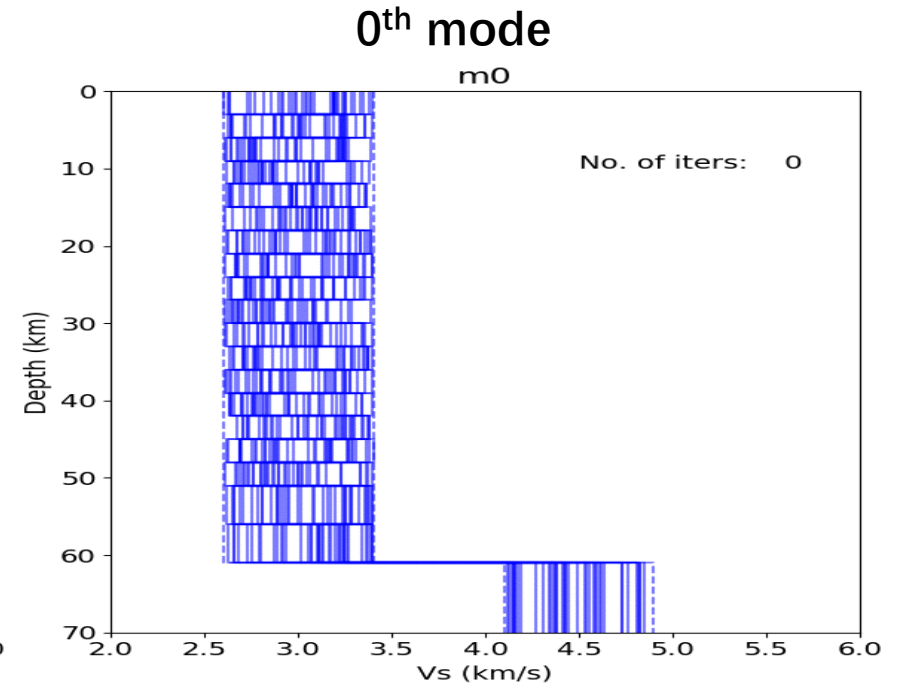
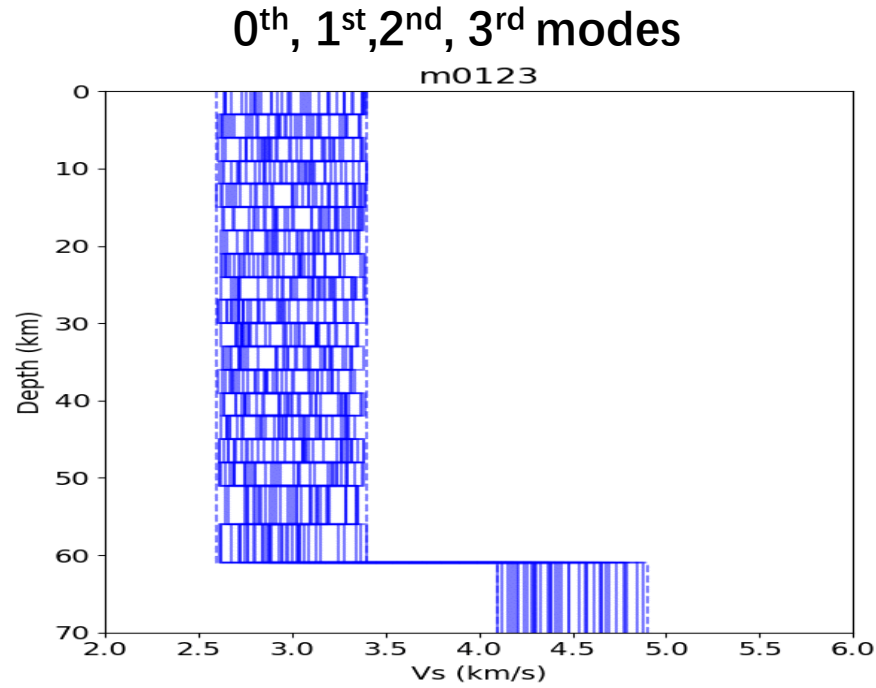
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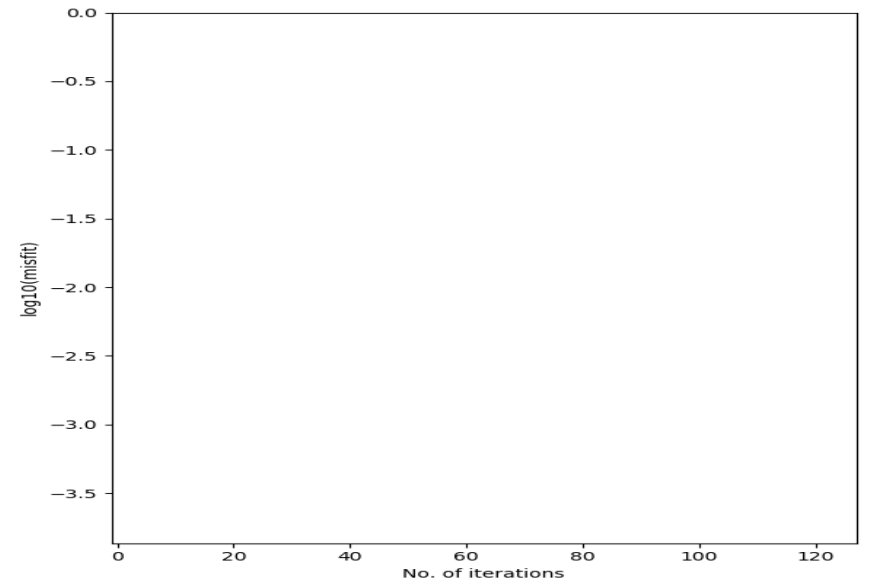
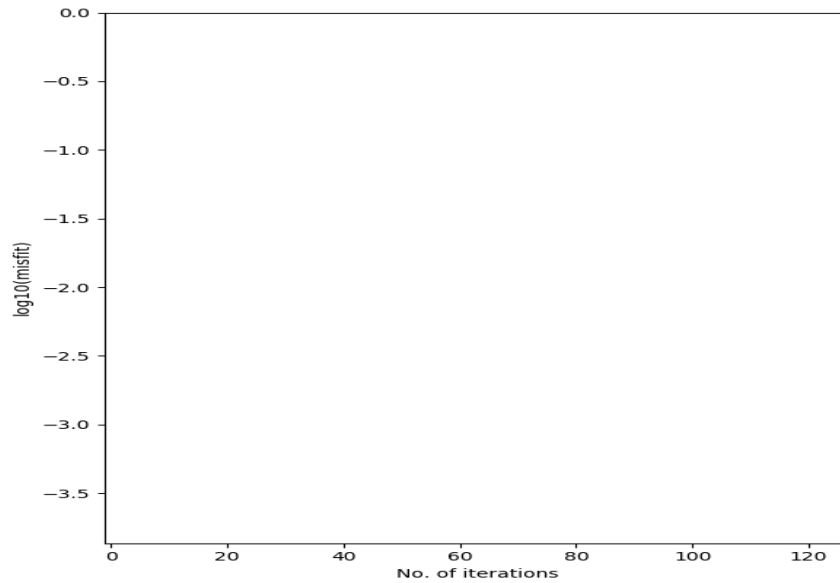
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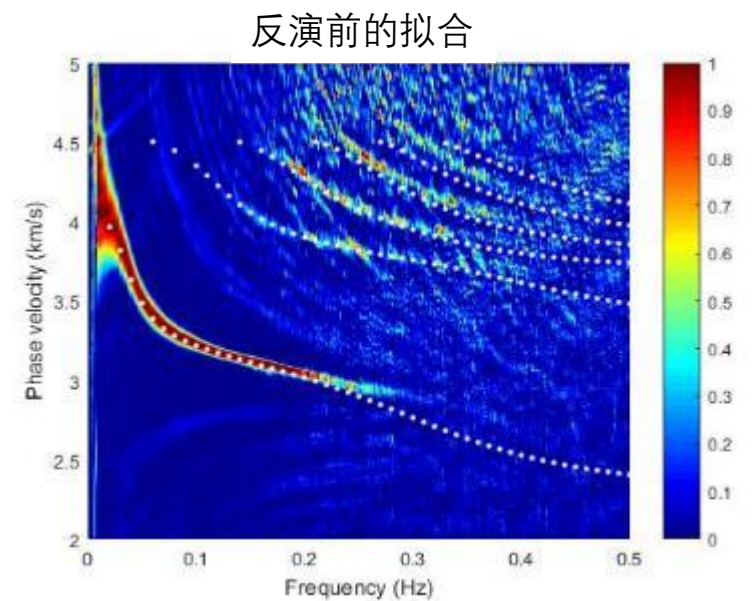
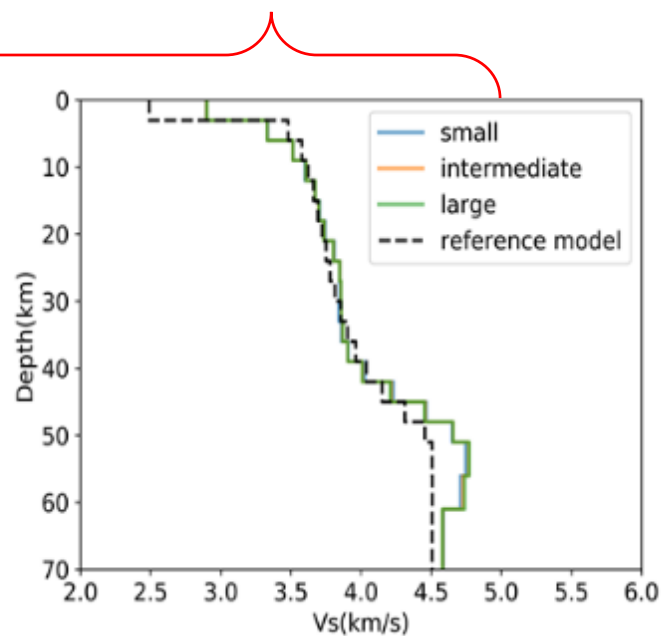
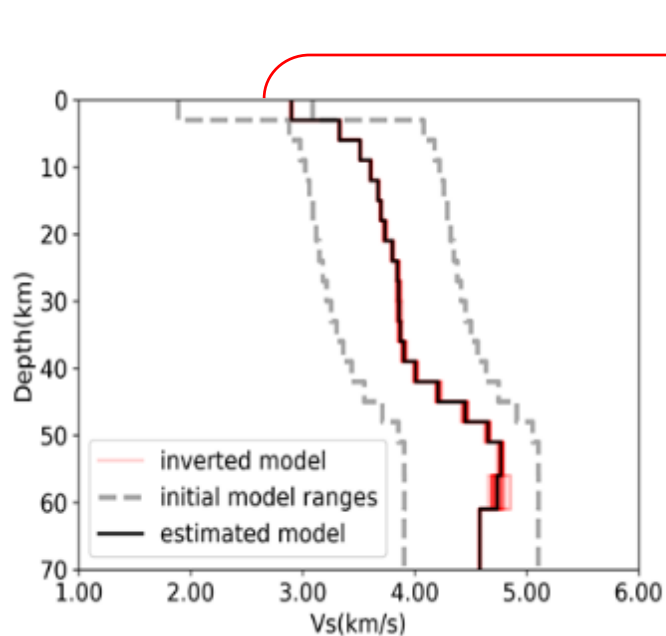
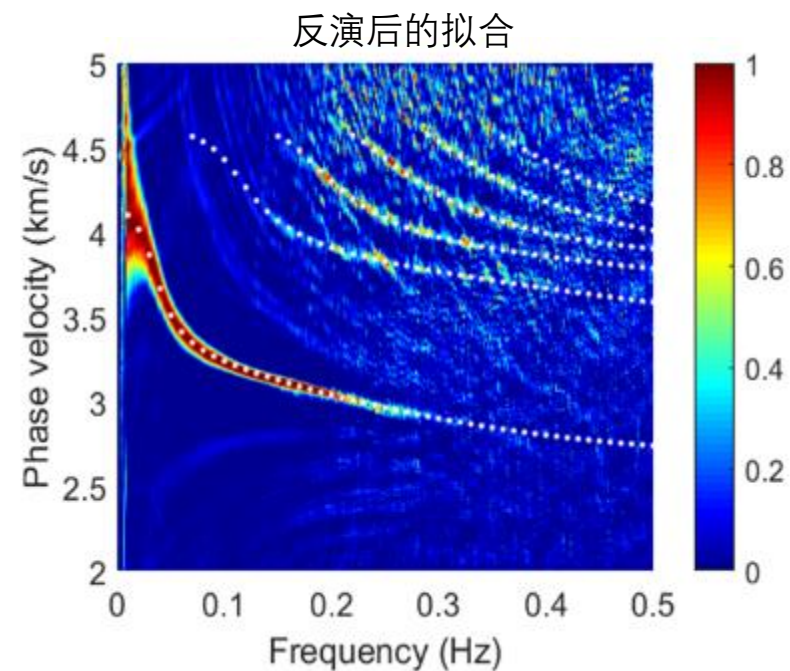
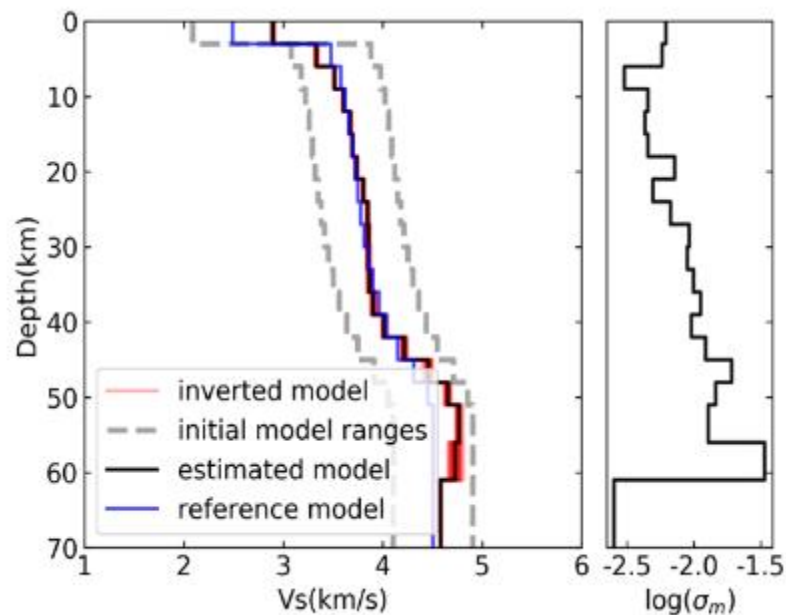
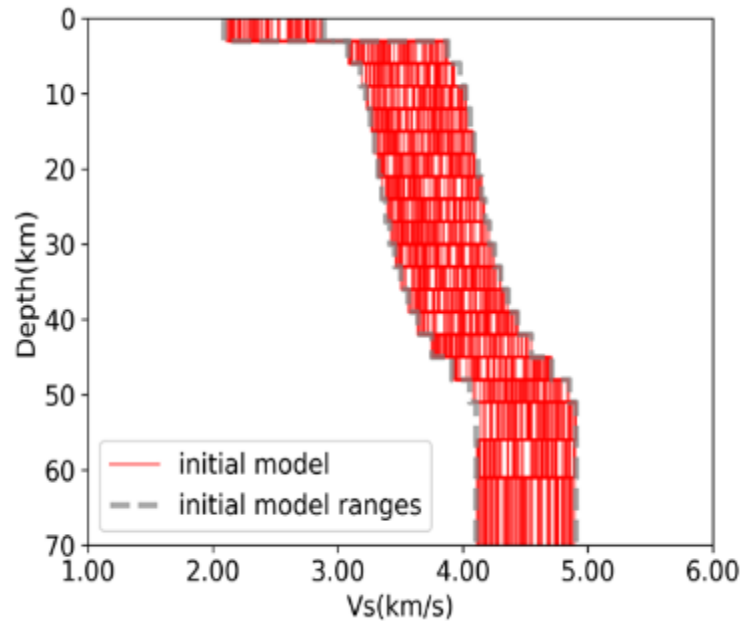
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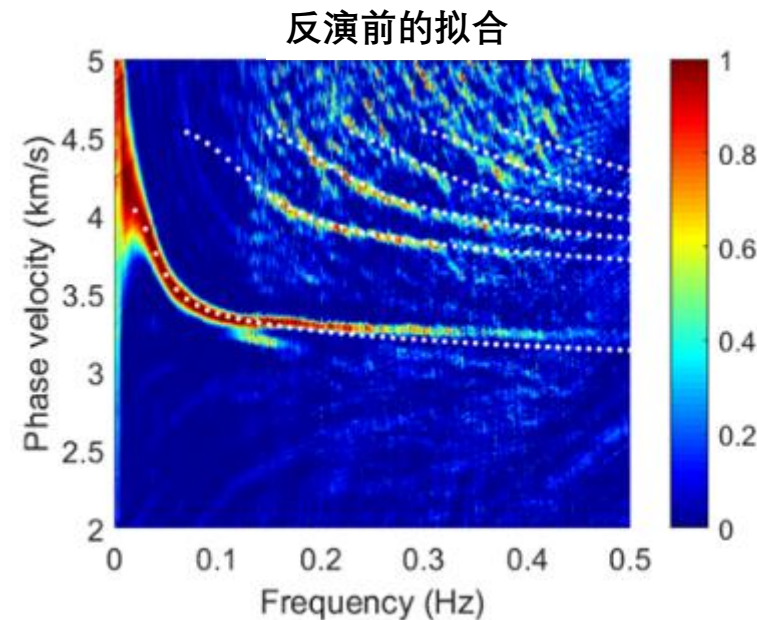
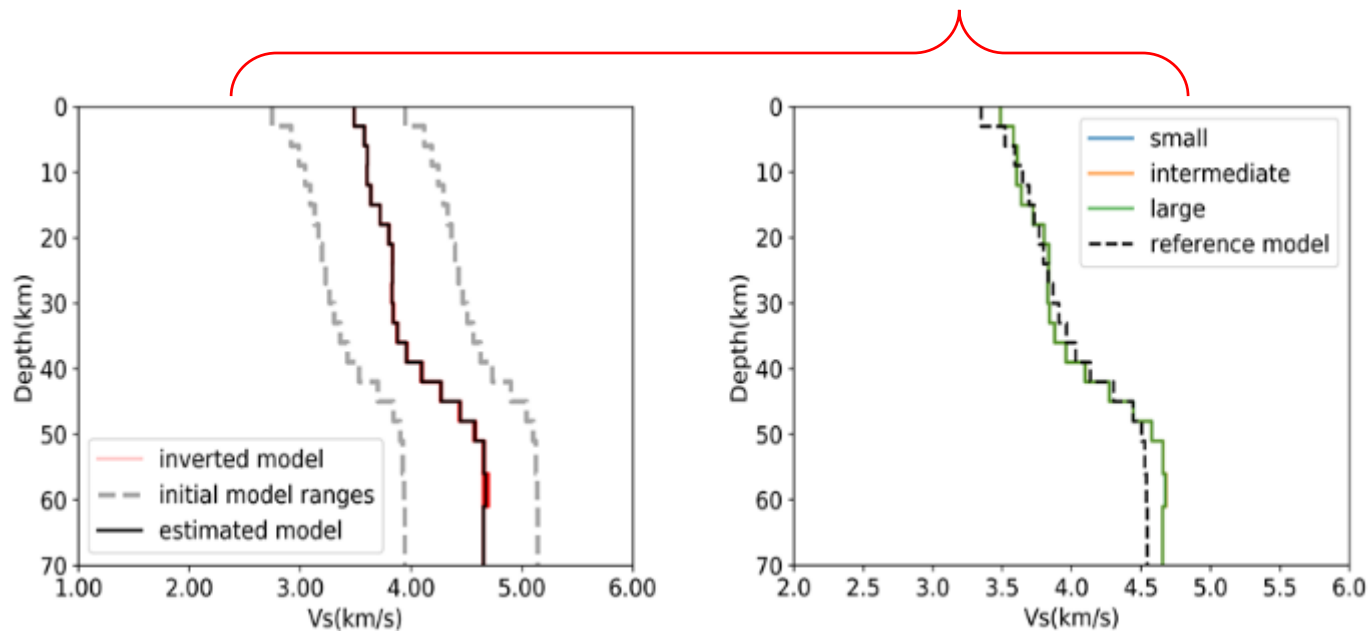
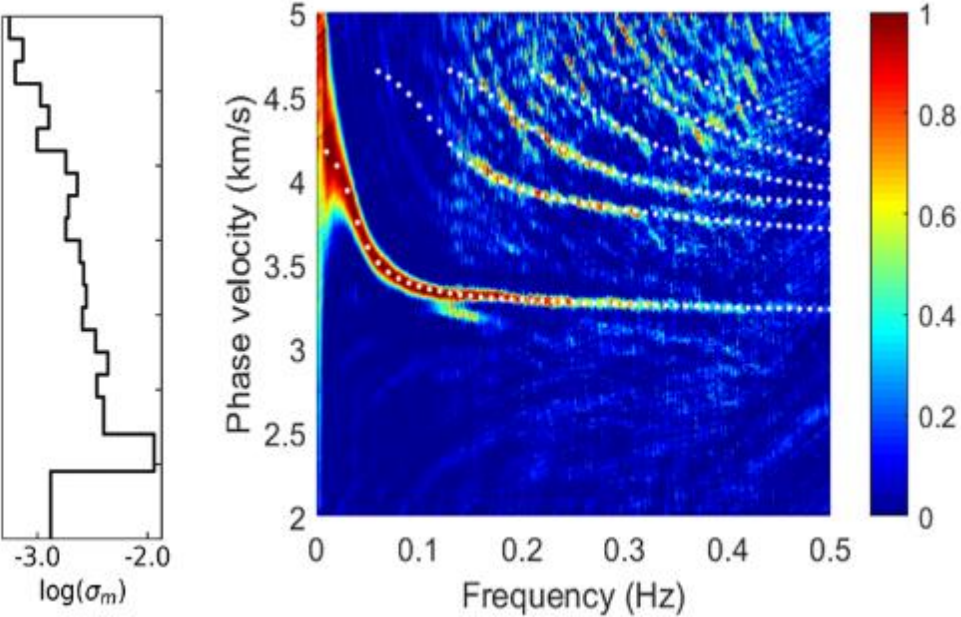
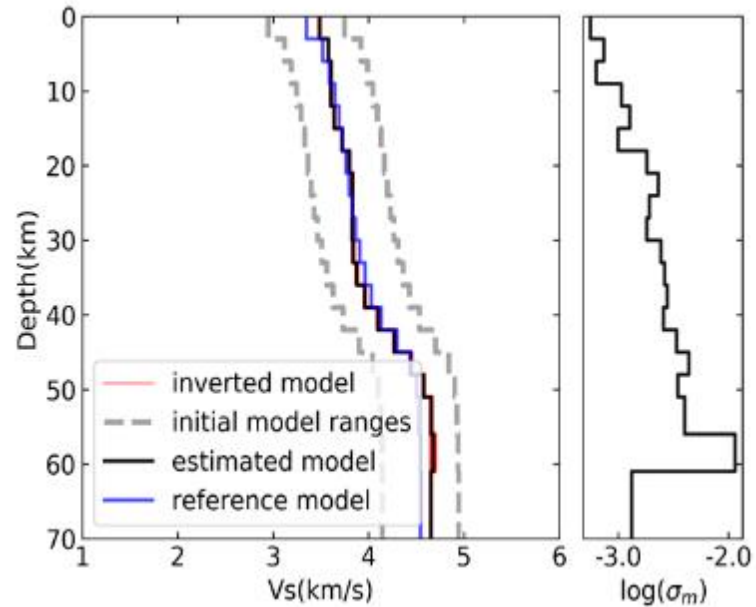
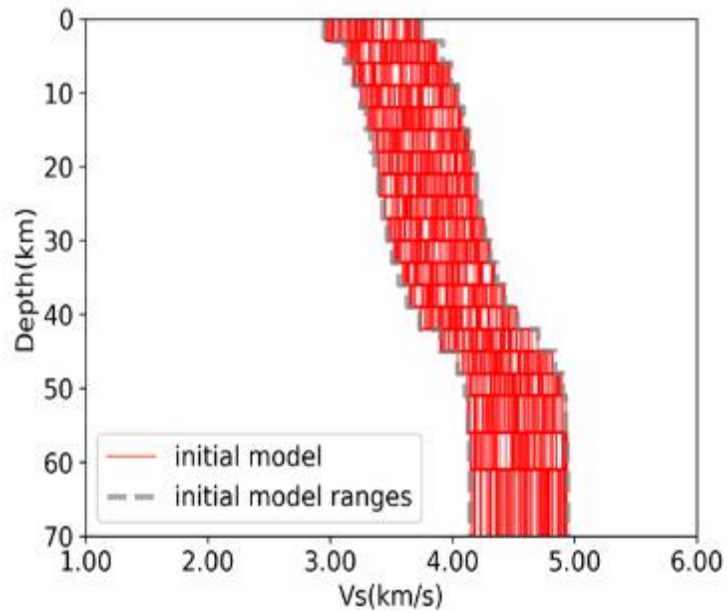
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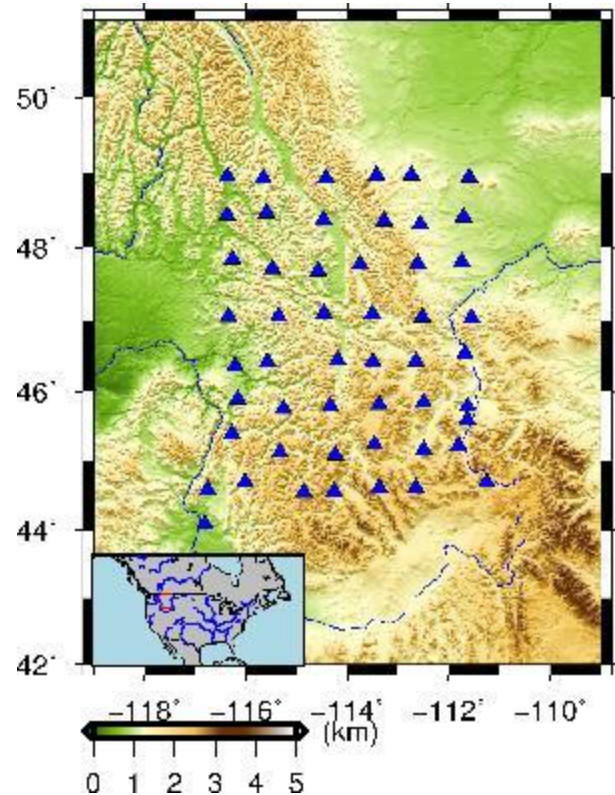
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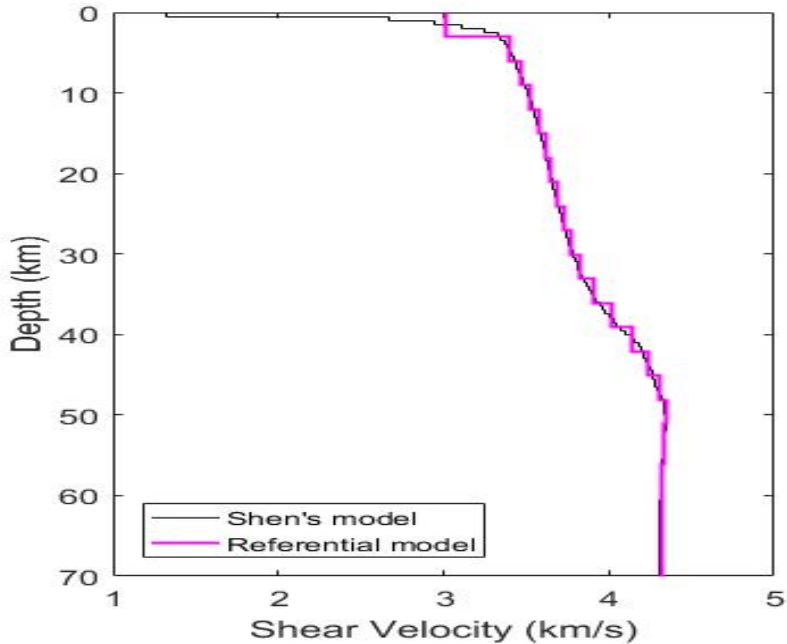
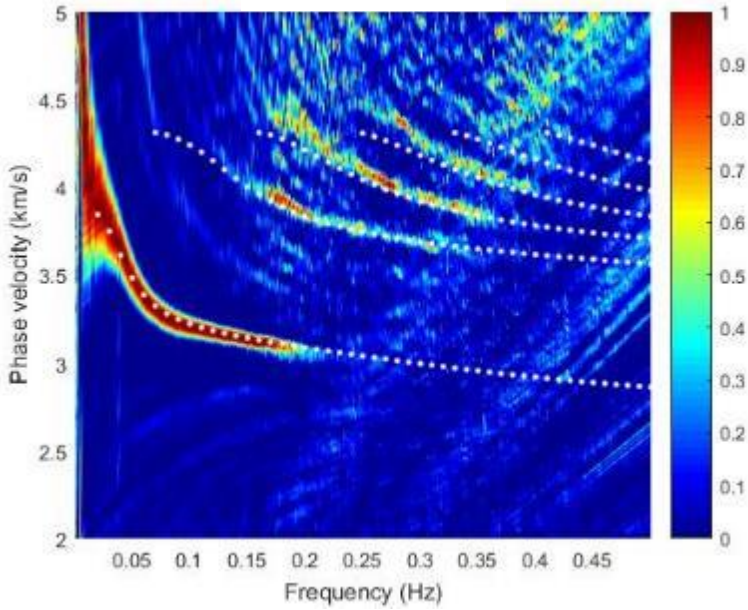
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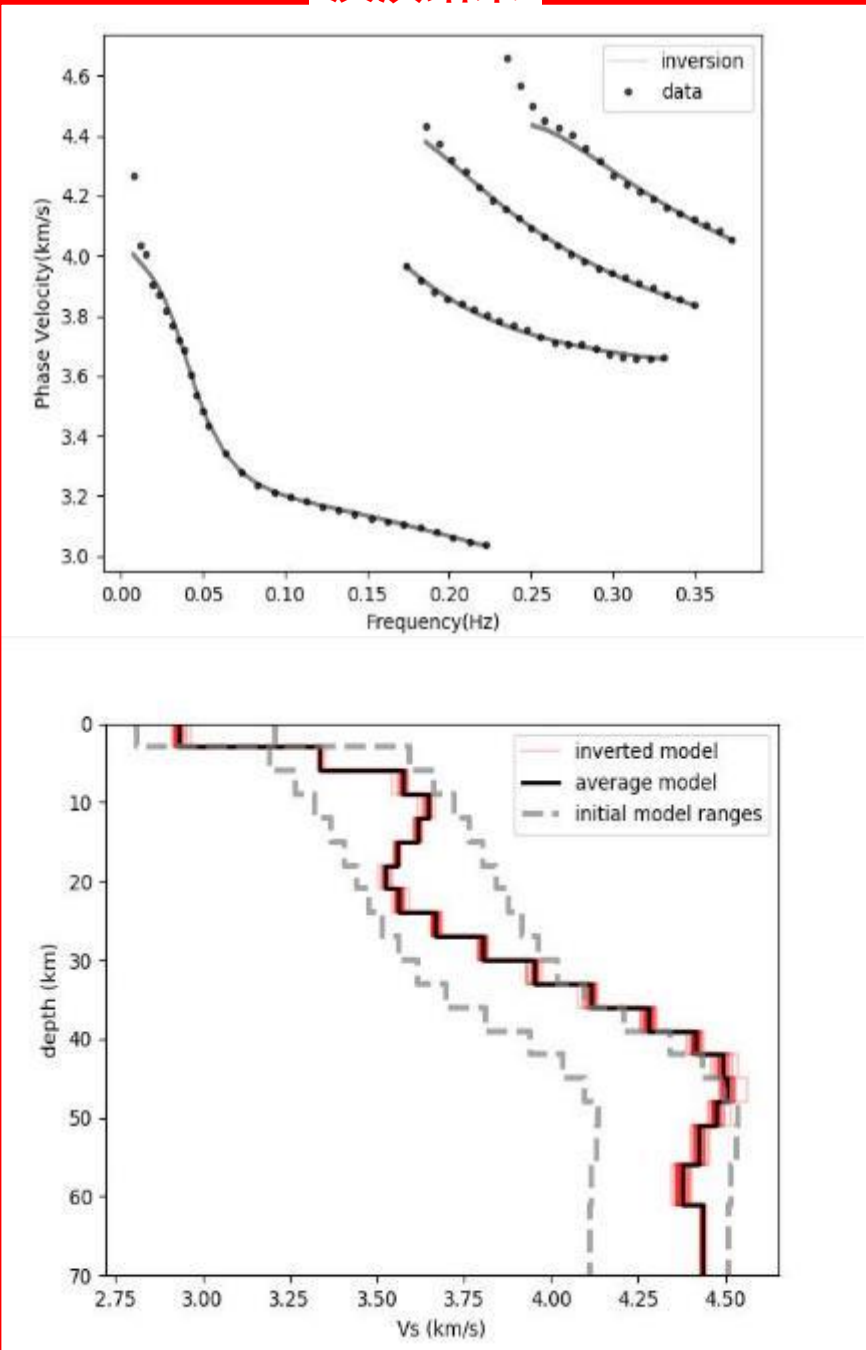
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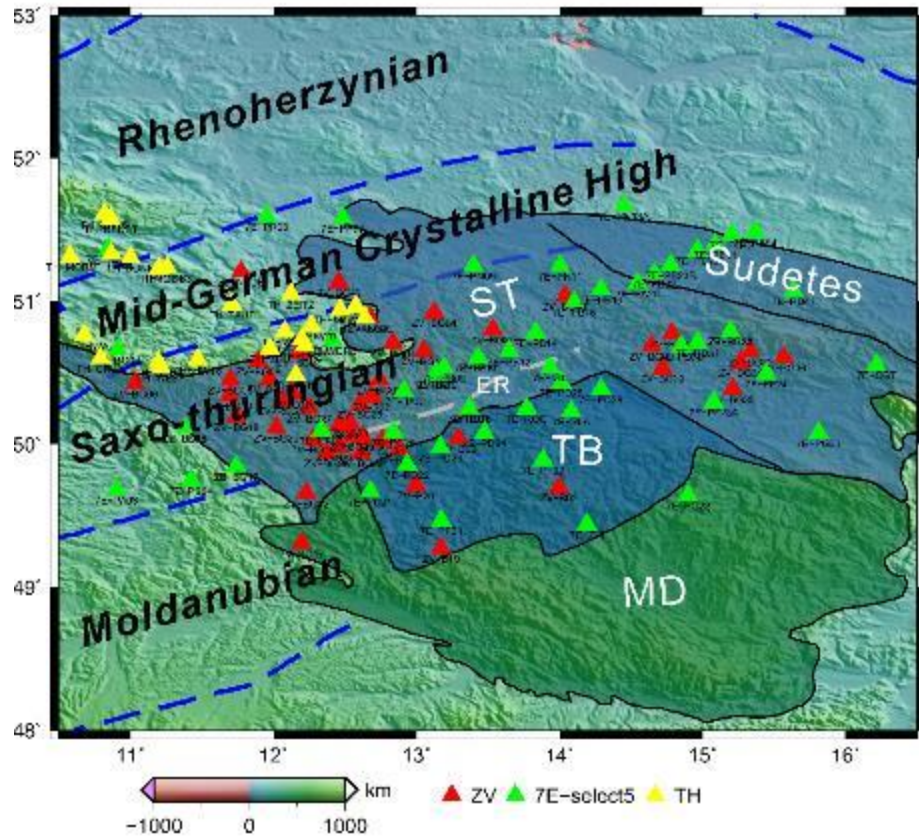
反演前的拟合



反演结果



# Northwest of Bohemian Massif



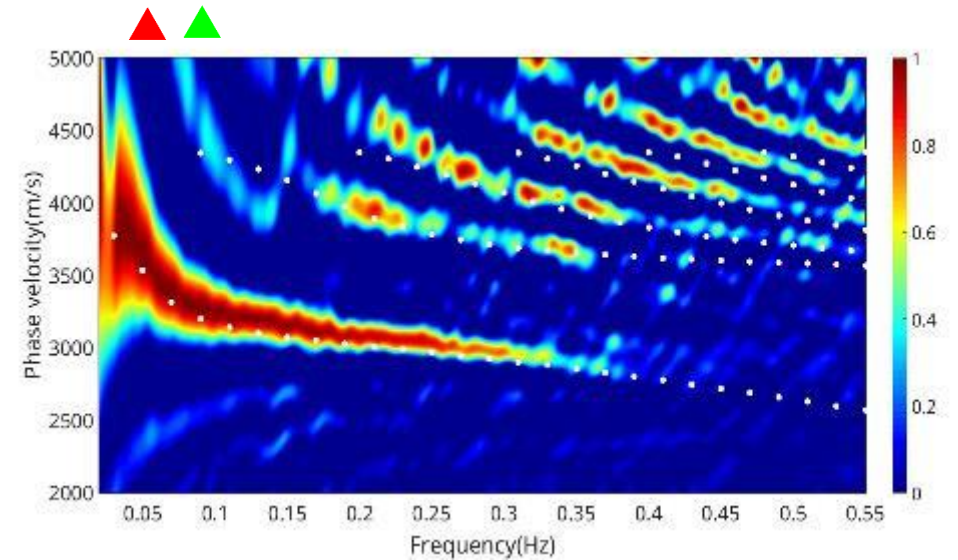
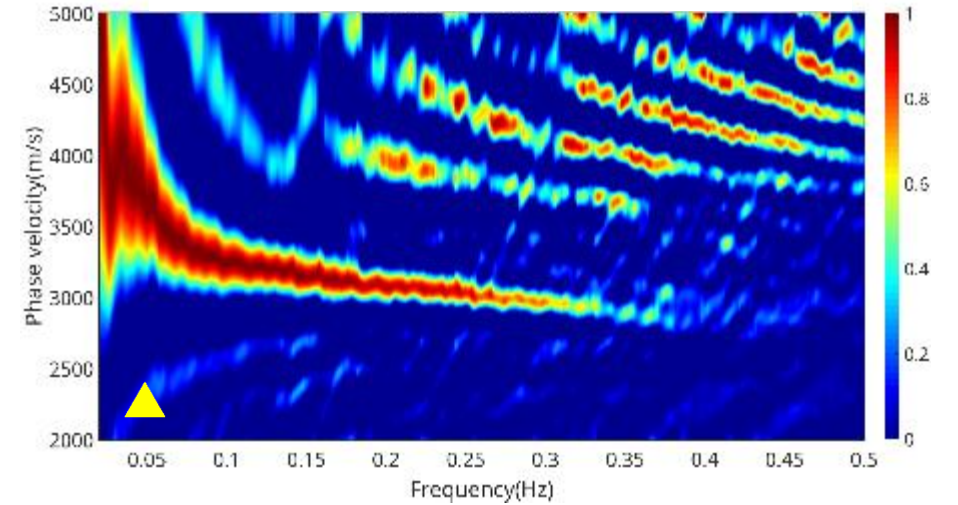
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**ST: Saxo-thuringian of Bohemian Massif**

**TB Tepla-Barrandian of Bohemian Massif**

**MD: Moldanubian of Bohemian Massif**

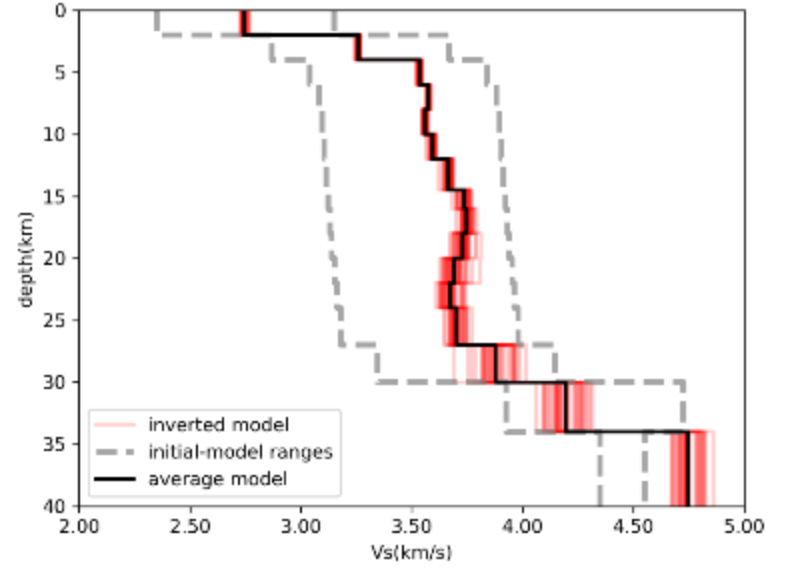
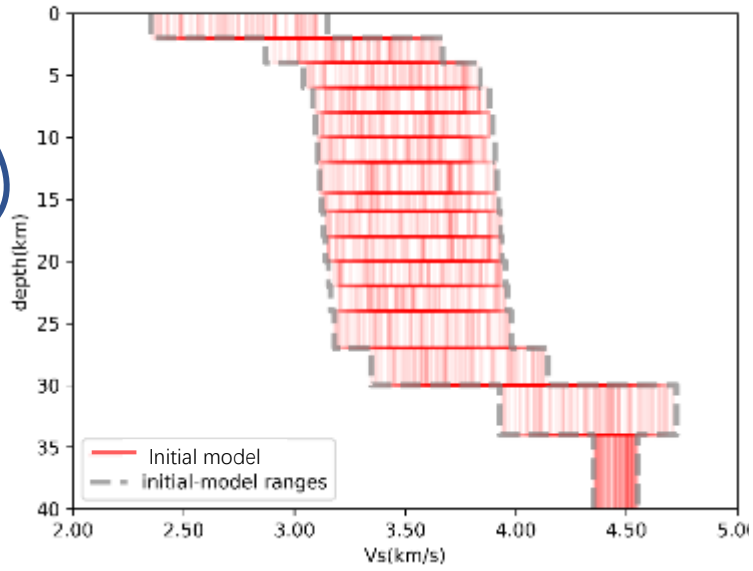
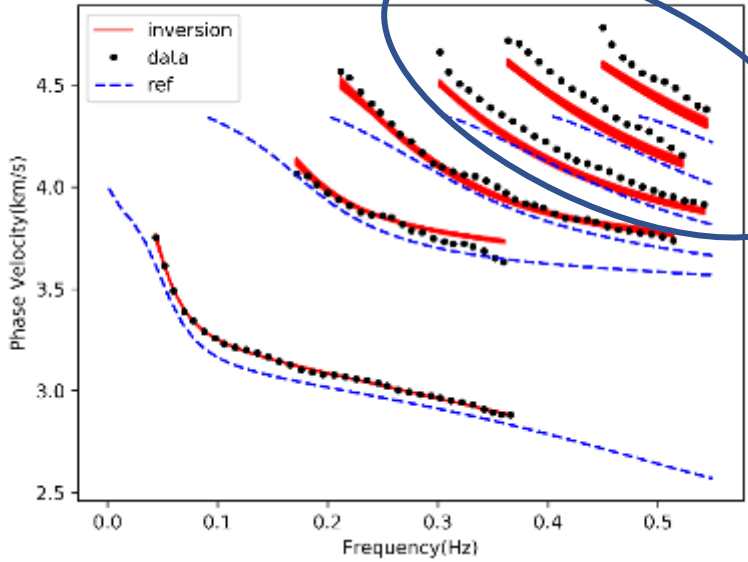
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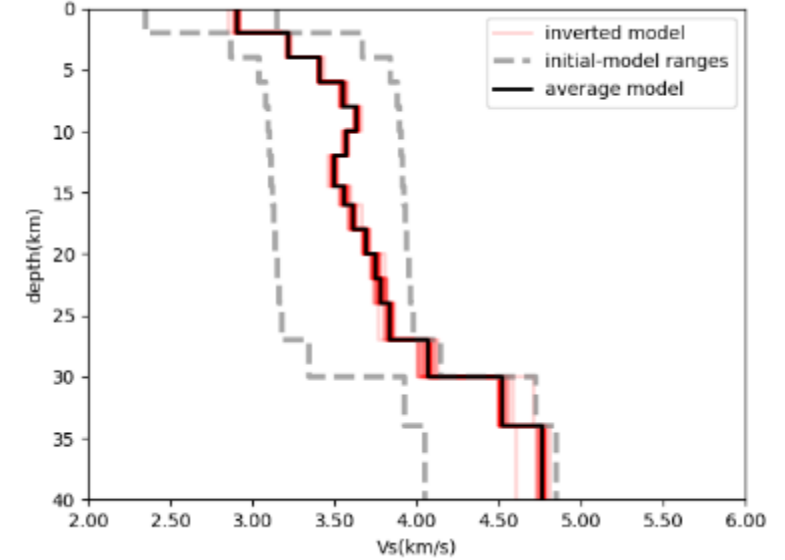
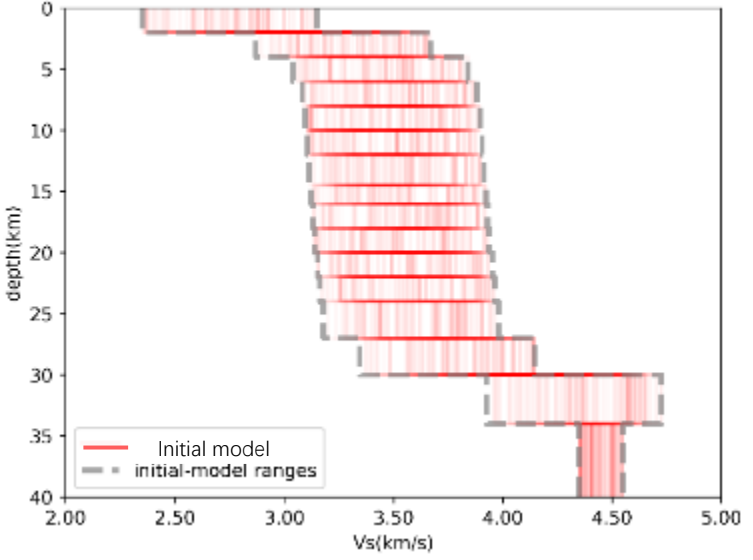
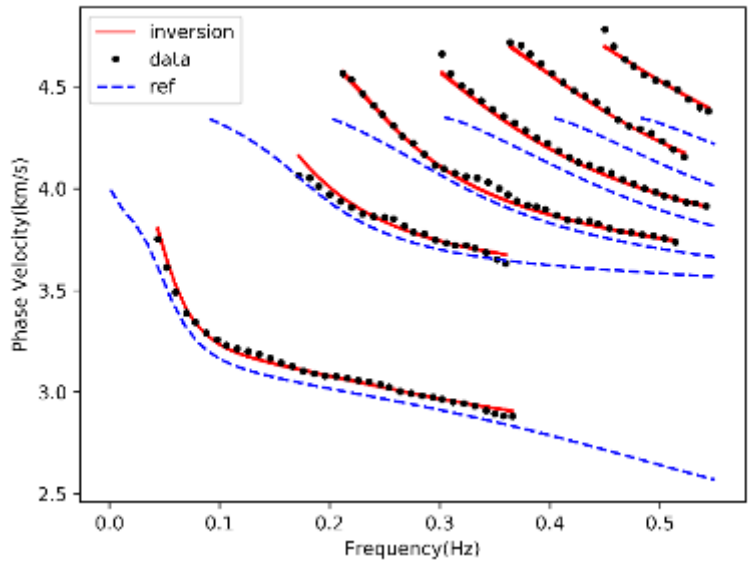
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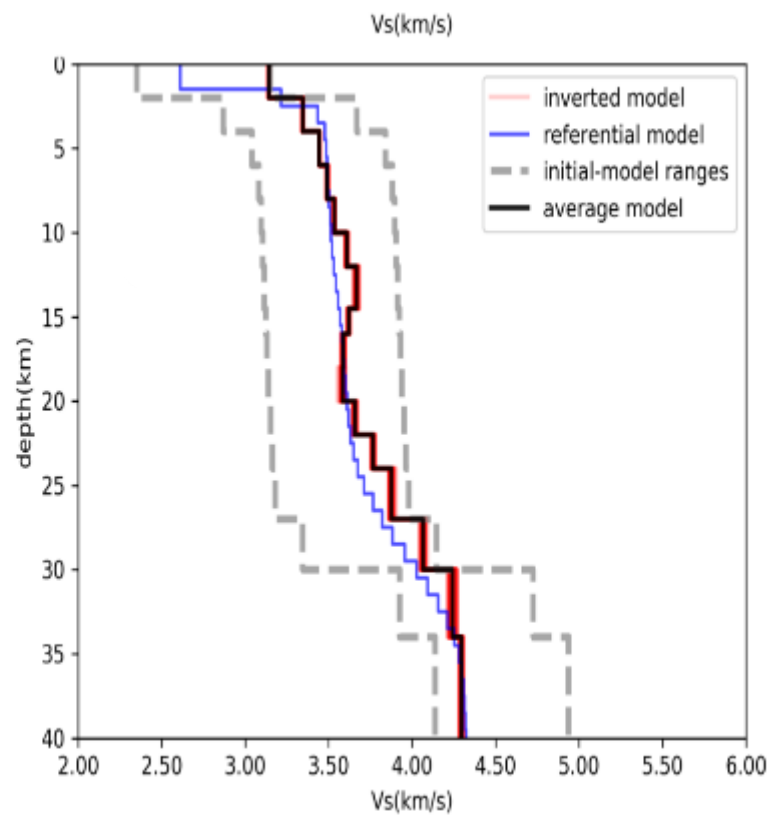
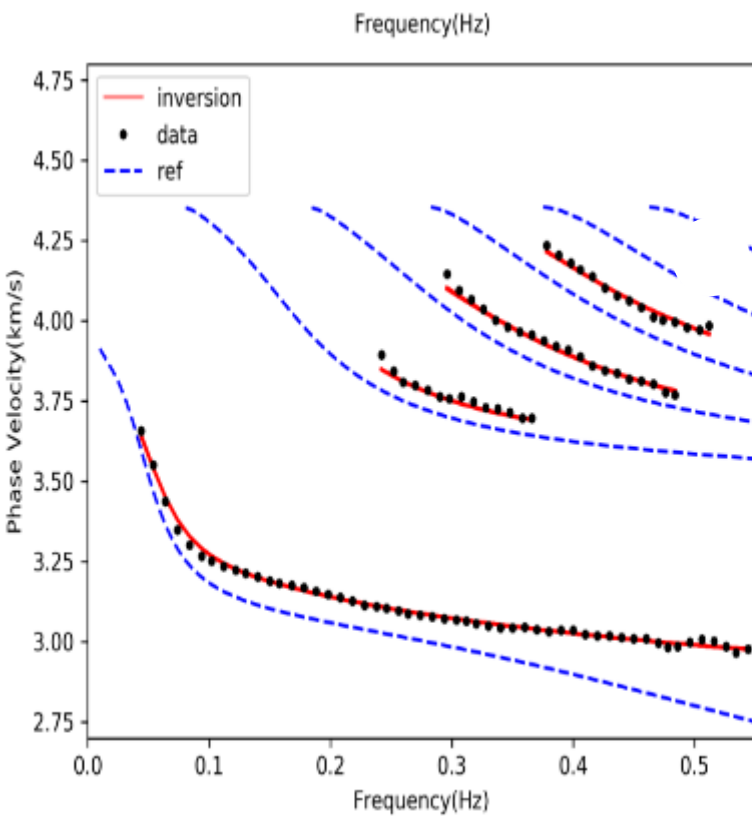
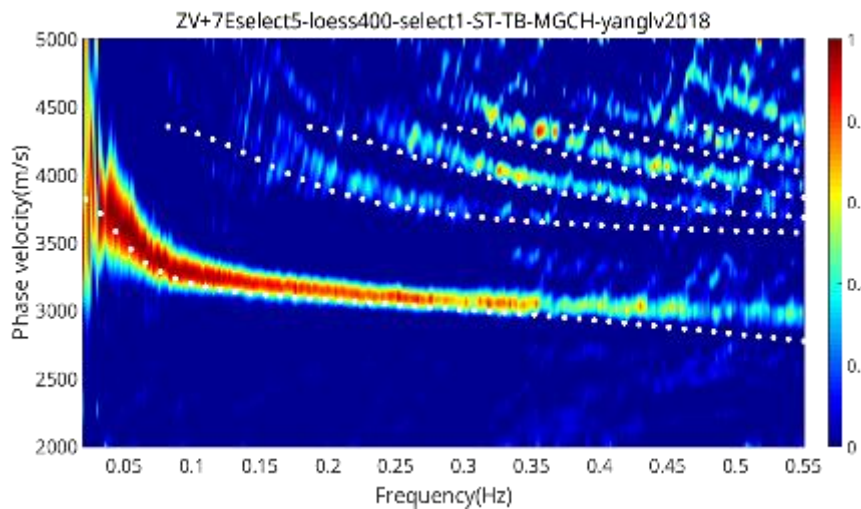
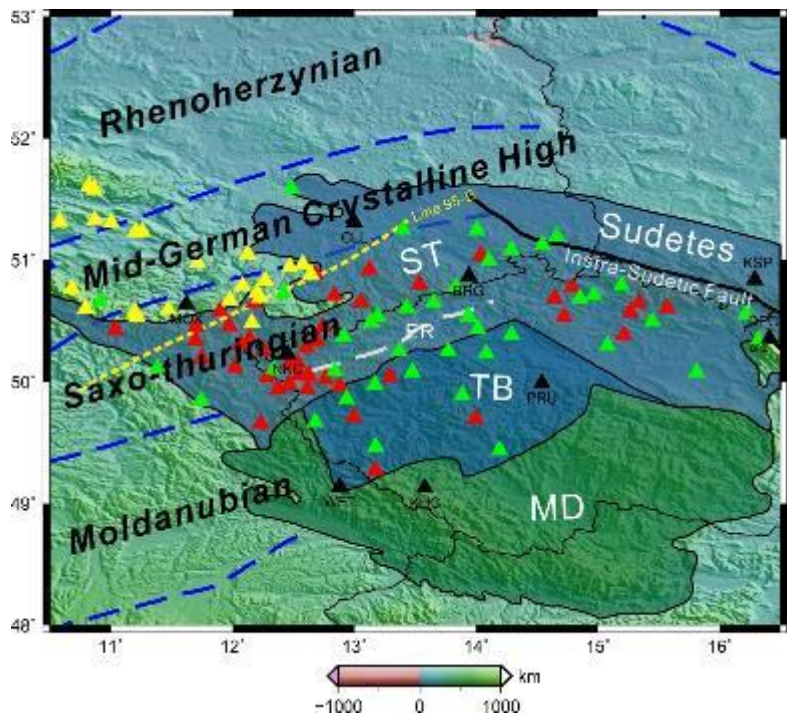
- Only fundamental mode for Vs inversion



- Both fundamental mode and Higher modes for Vs inversion



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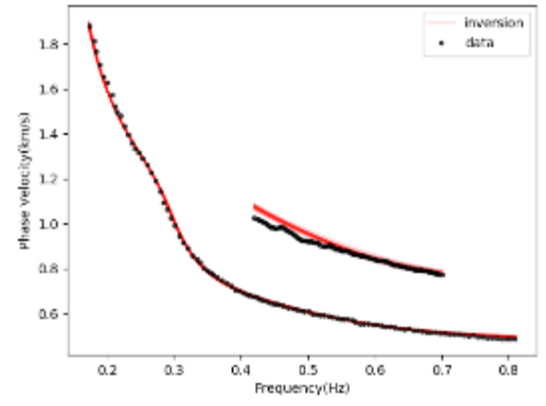
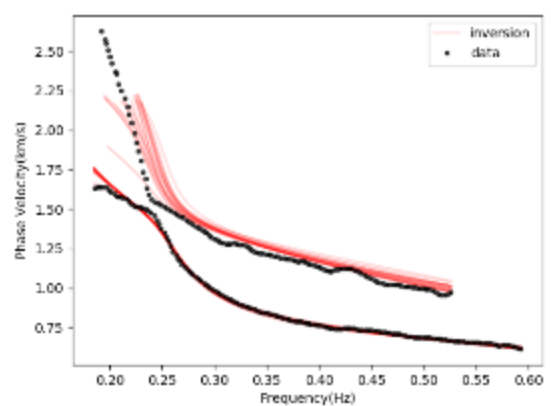
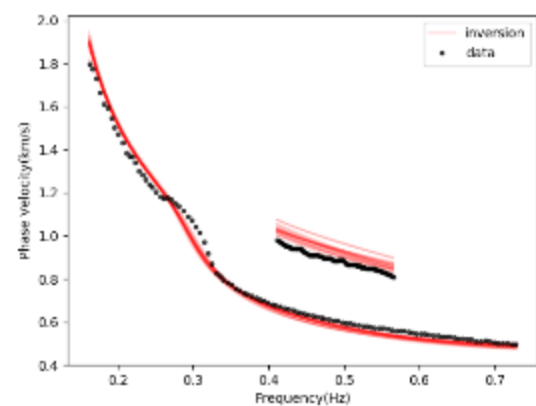
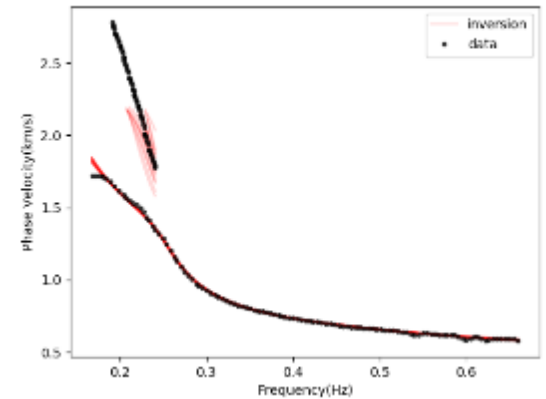
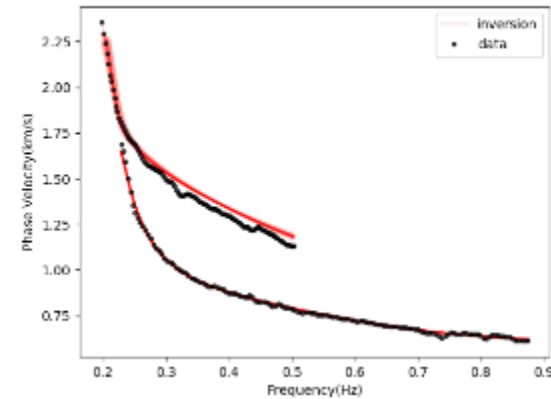
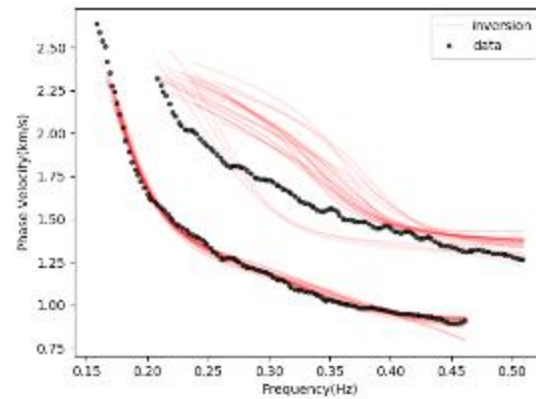
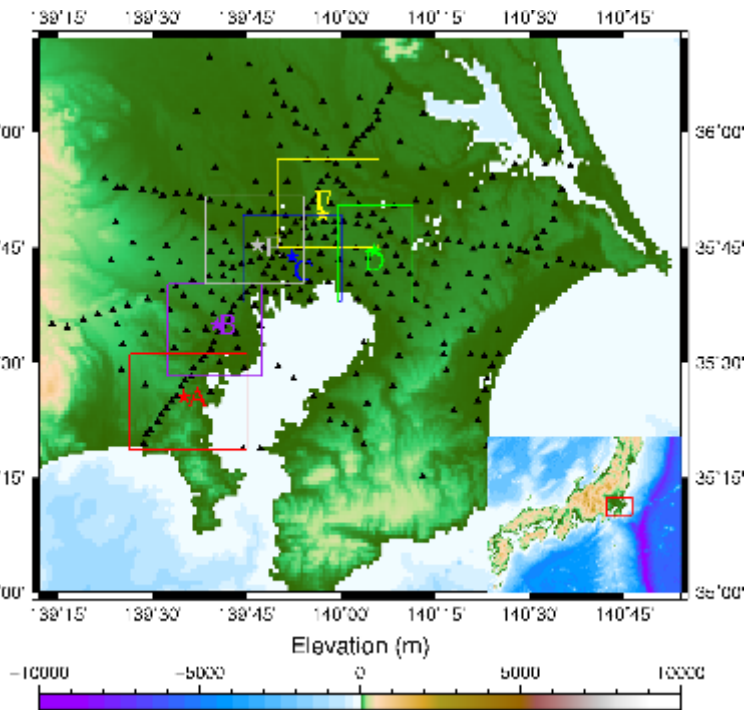




# Inversion Results of Kanto Basin

-- Results for 0<sup>th</sup> modal dispersion curve

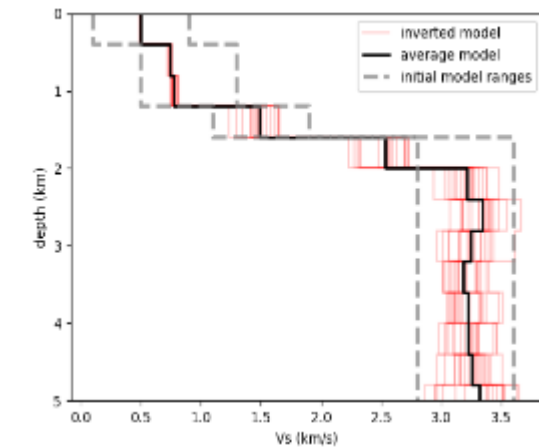
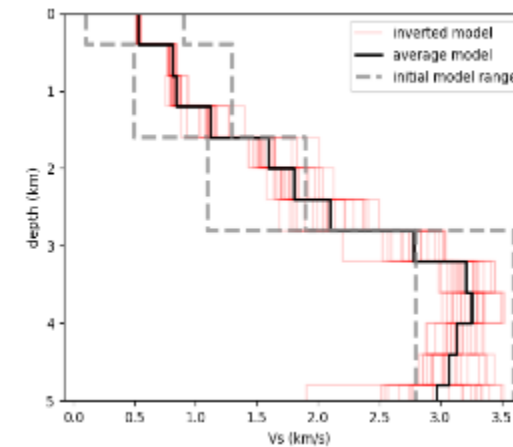
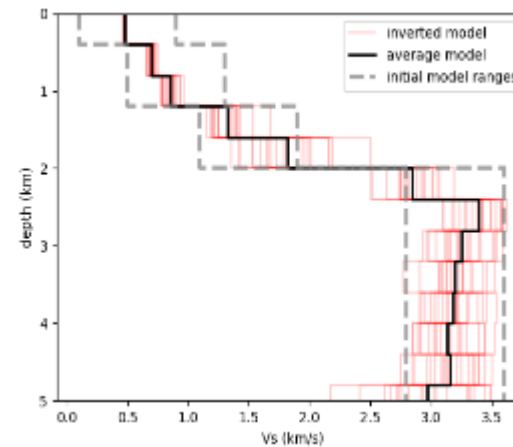
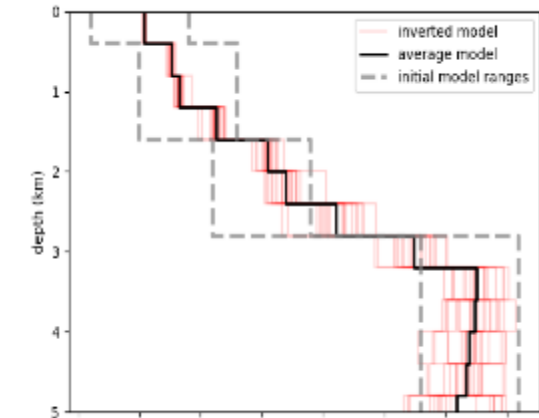
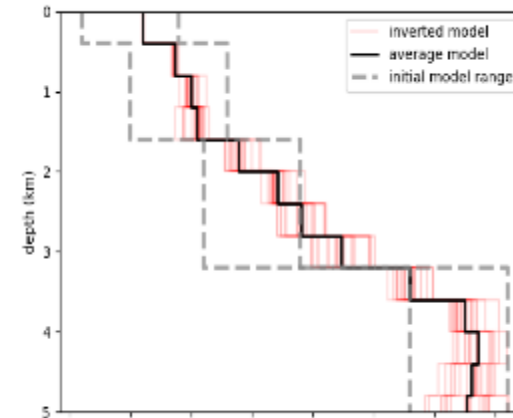
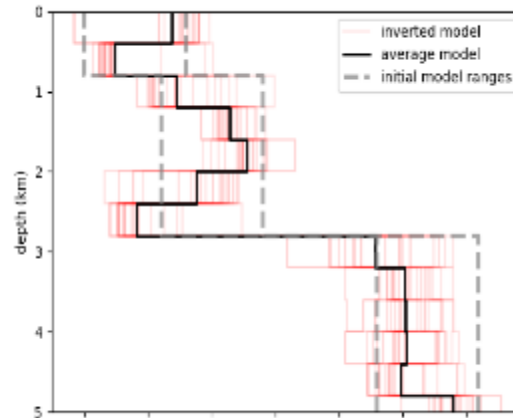
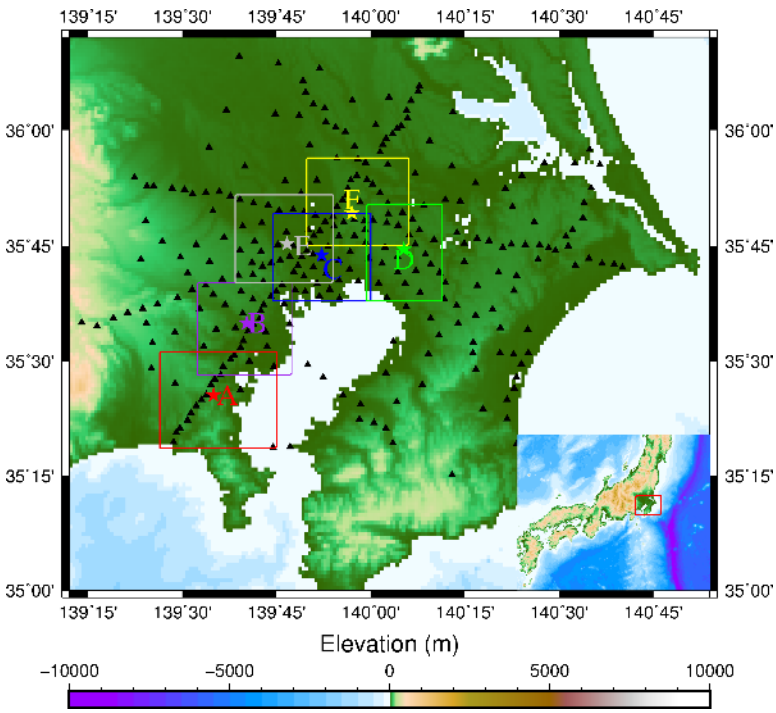
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# Inversion Results of Kanto Basin

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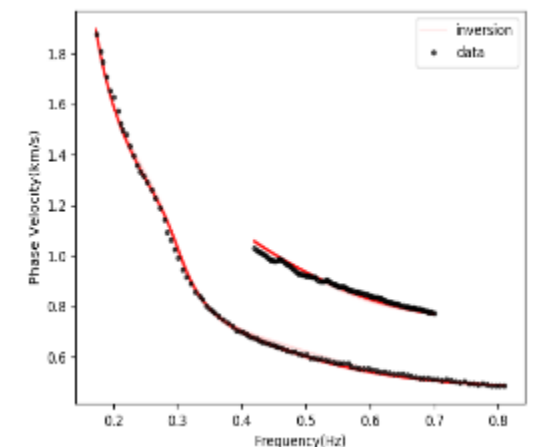
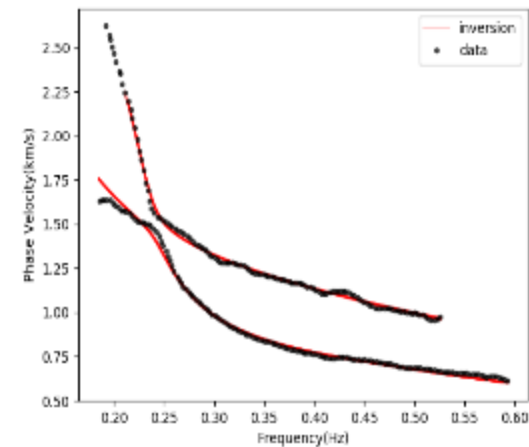
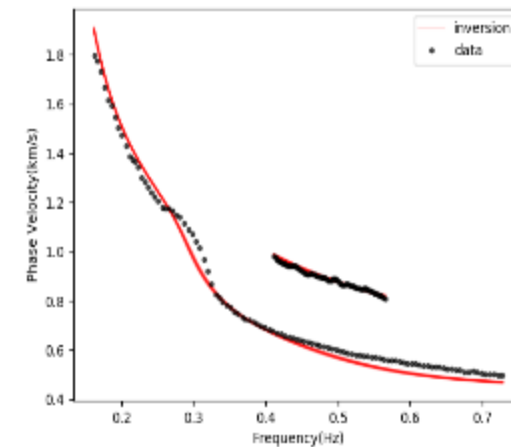
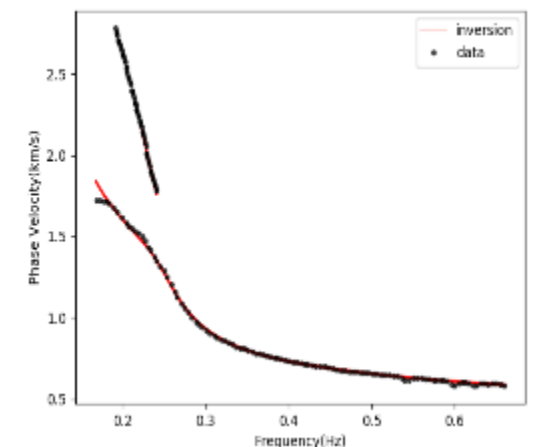
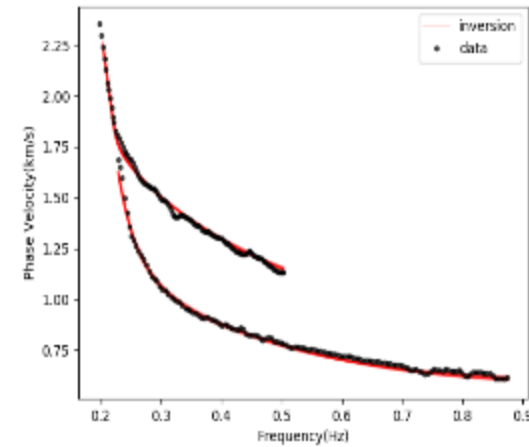
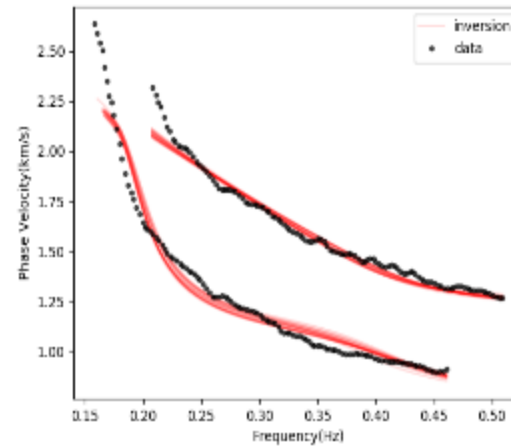
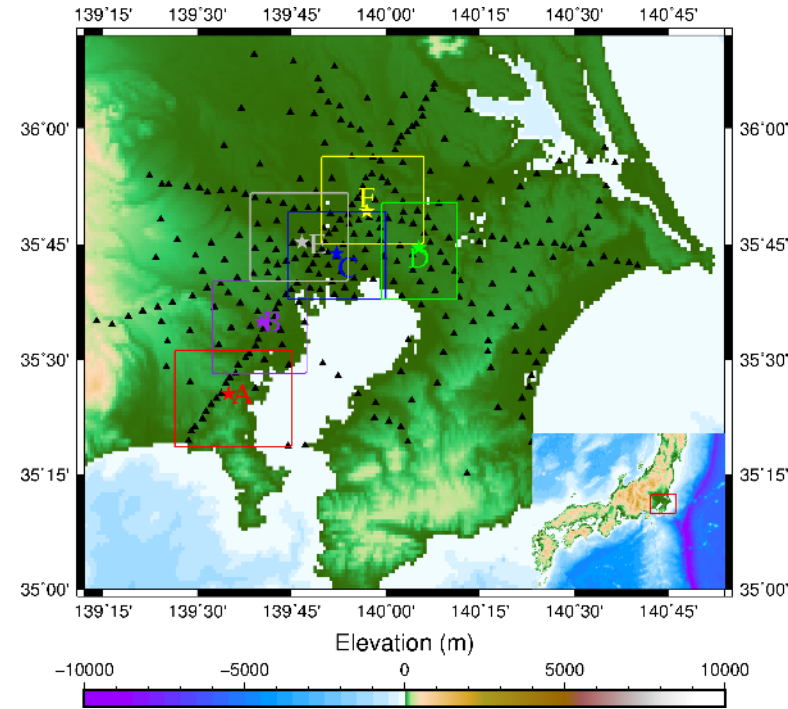
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# Inversion Results of Kanto Basin

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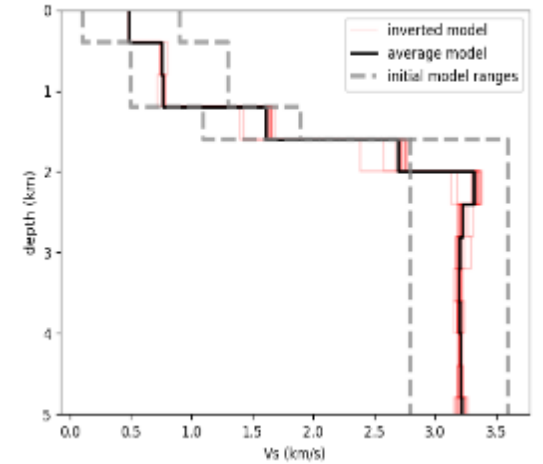
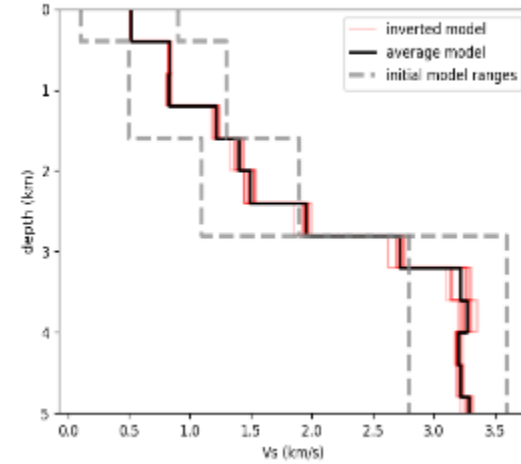
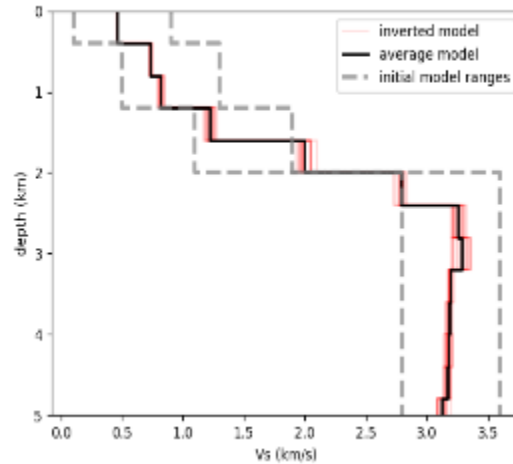
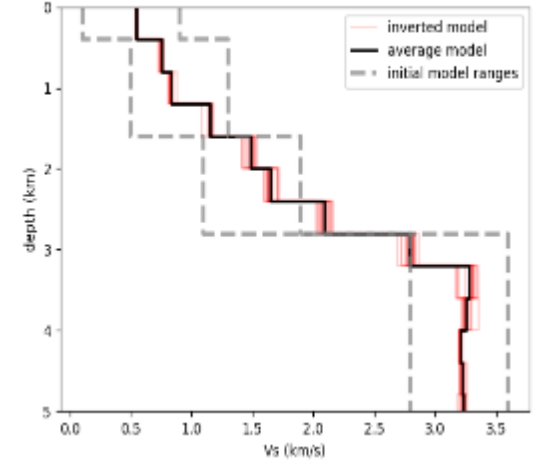
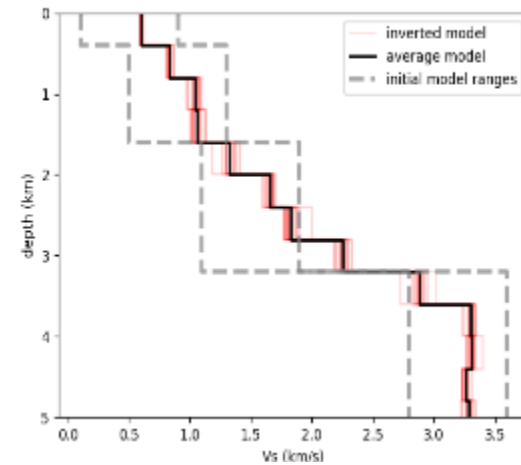
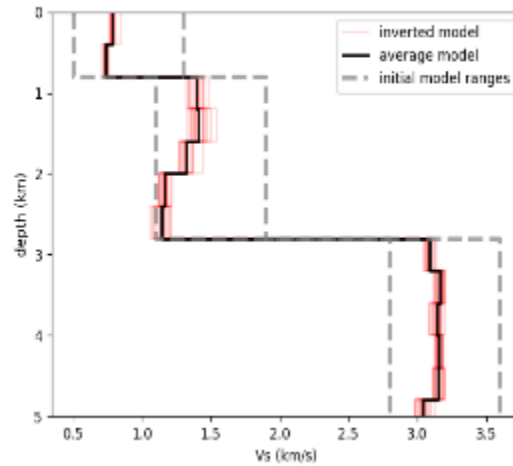
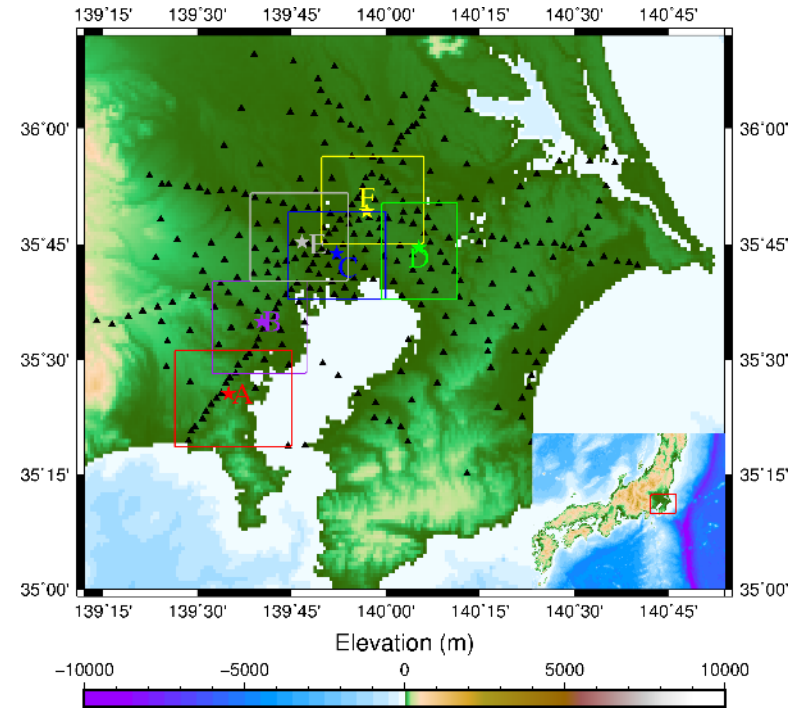
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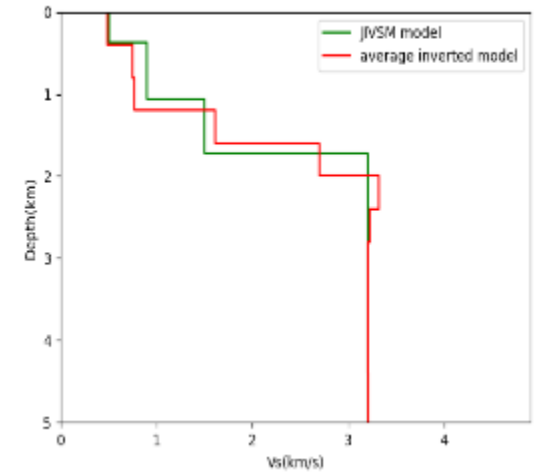
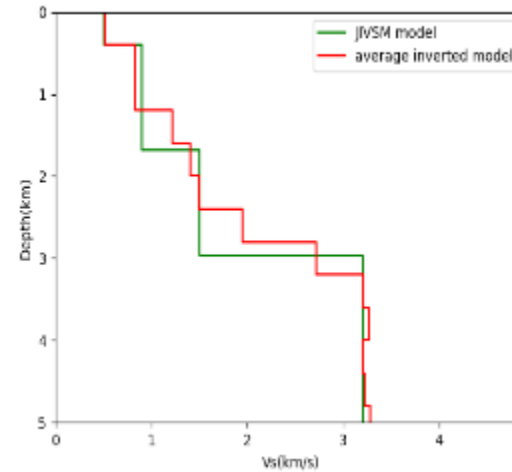
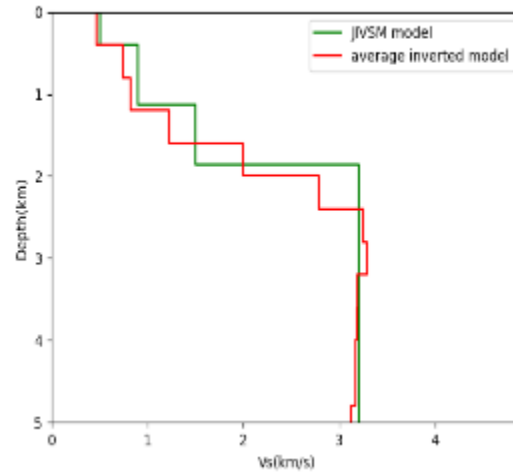
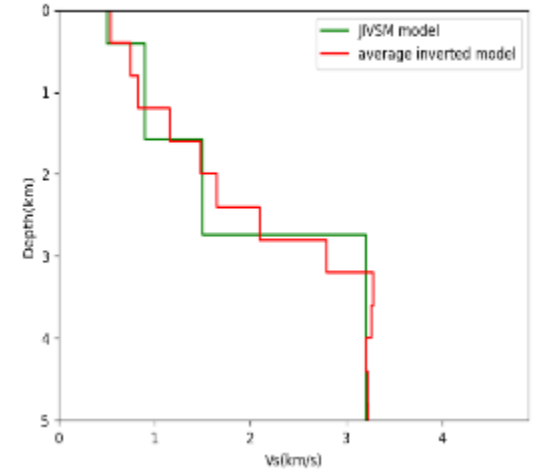
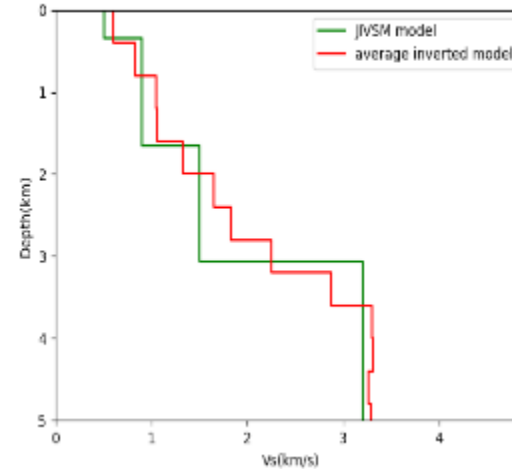
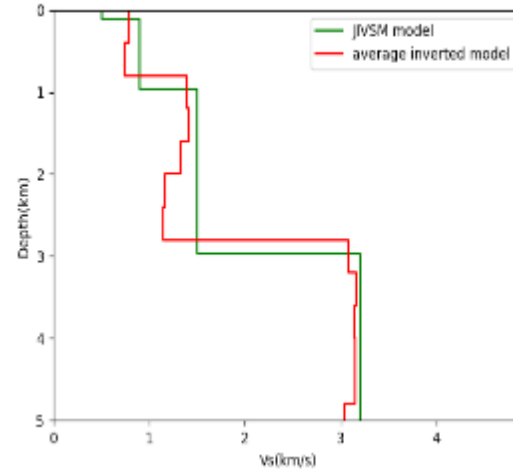
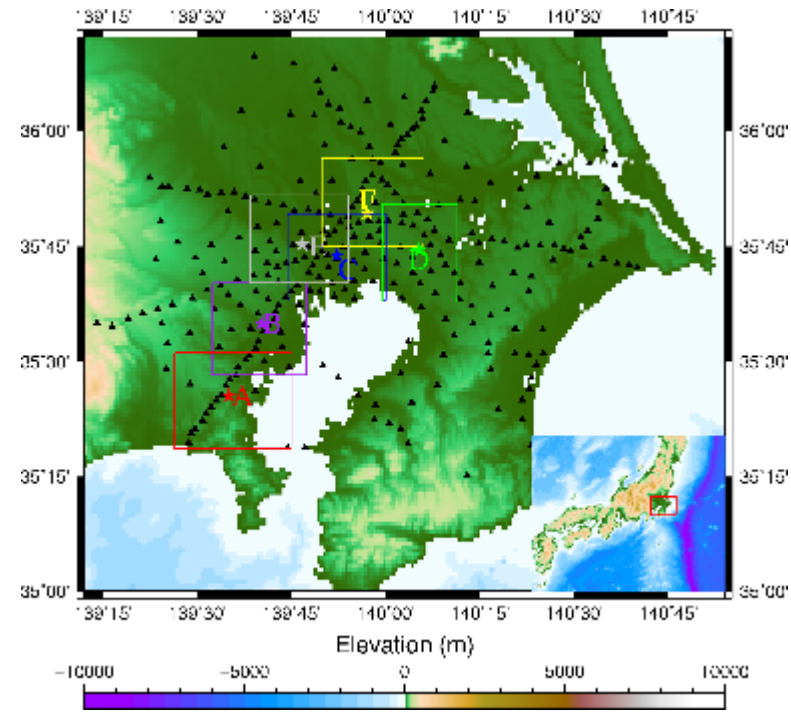
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# Inversion Results of Kanto Basin

Comparisons with previous model



# Outlines

- Importance of higher modes for SWTM, as well as ambient seismic noise tomography
- How to extract the dispersion curves of higher mode from ambient seismic noise?
- How do the higher modes improve the inversion?
- Brief introduction of F-J method

**Innovative method:**

**Frequency-Bessel Transform  
Method  
(F-J method)**

# JGR Solid Earth




## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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### Key Points:

- We proposed a new method (the F-J method) to image dispersion curves of overtones of Rayleigh waves from ambient seismic noise data
- Preliminary applications to USArray

## Frequency-Bessel Transform Method for Effective Imaging of Higher-Mode Rayleigh Dispersion Curves From Ambient Seismic Noise Data

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Ambient seismic noise, which is also called microtremor in the field of geotechnique engineering, is a stochastic wavefield generated by various passive sources (e.g., Okada & Suto, 2003; Yang et al., 2007; Yang & Ritzwoller, 2008). After the pioneering works of Aki (1957) and other researchers (e.g., Campillo & Paul, 2003; Derode et al., 2003; Lobkis & Weaver, 2001; Sabra et al., 2005a, 2005b; Sánchez-Sesma et al., 2011; Shapiro & Campillo, 2004; Shapiro et al., 2005; Snieder, 2004), once useless ambient noise data were con-



# Fundamentals of F-J Method:

$$I(c, \omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} C(r, \omega) J_0\left(\frac{\omega}{c} r\right) r dr$$

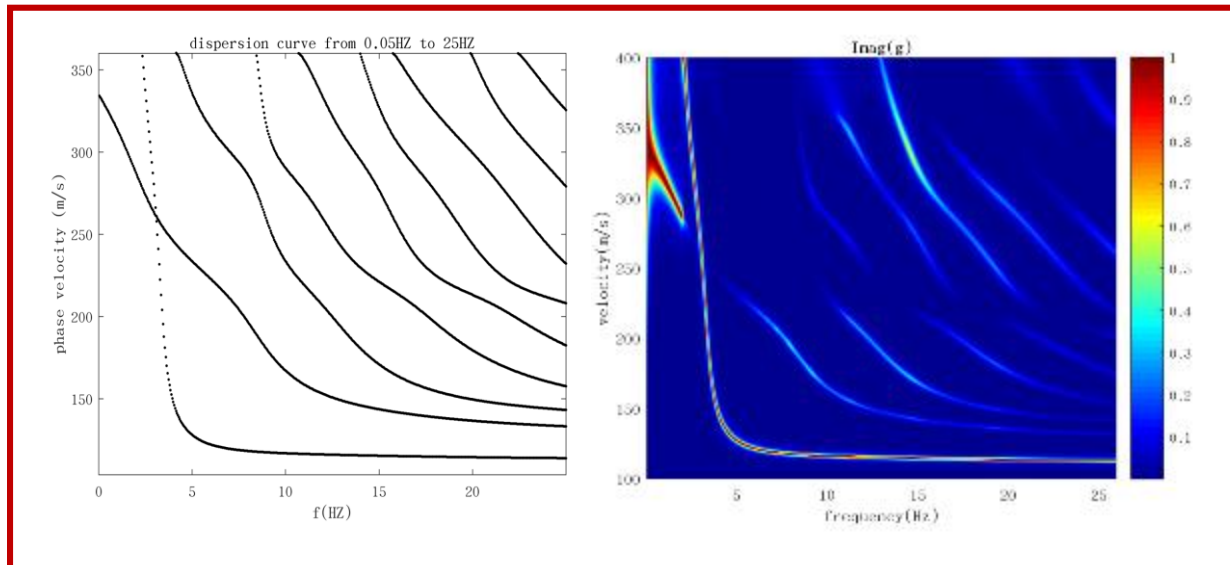
$$C(r, \omega) = A \cdot \text{Im}\{G_{zz}(r, z = 0; \omega)\}$$

$$G_{zz}(r, z; \omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} g(\omega, k, z) J_0(kr) k dk$$

Measurable quality

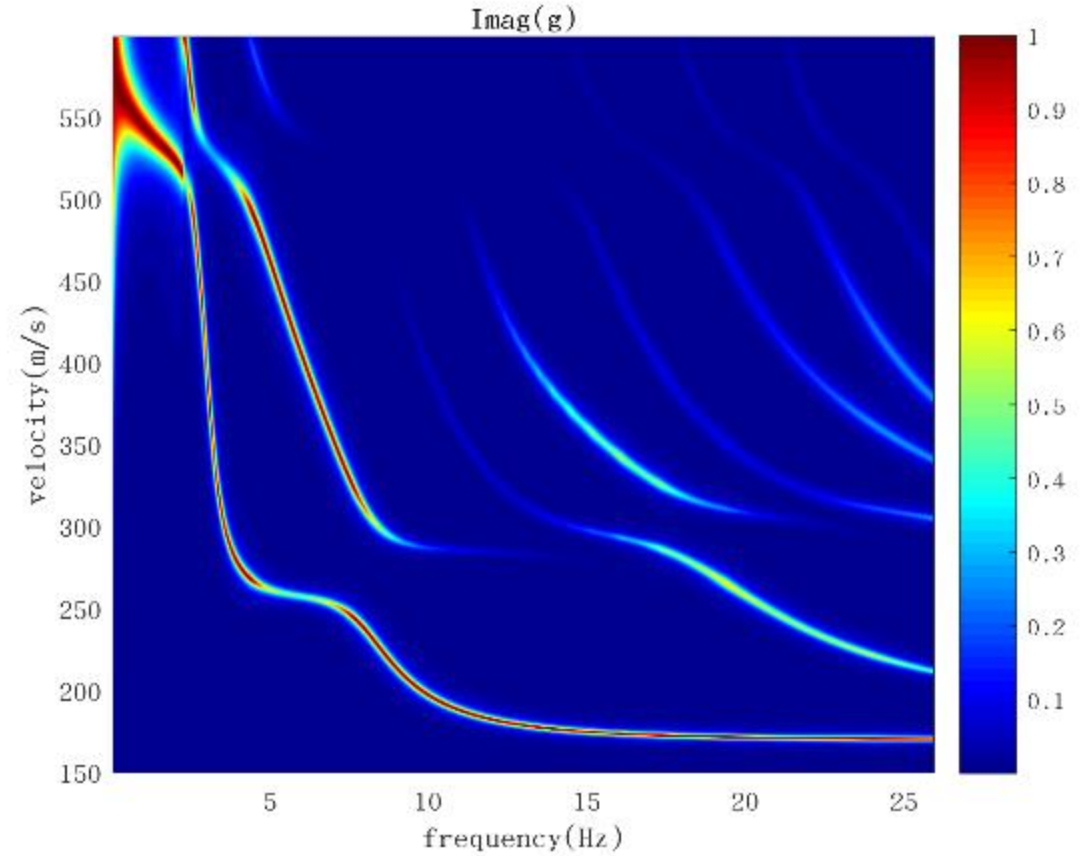
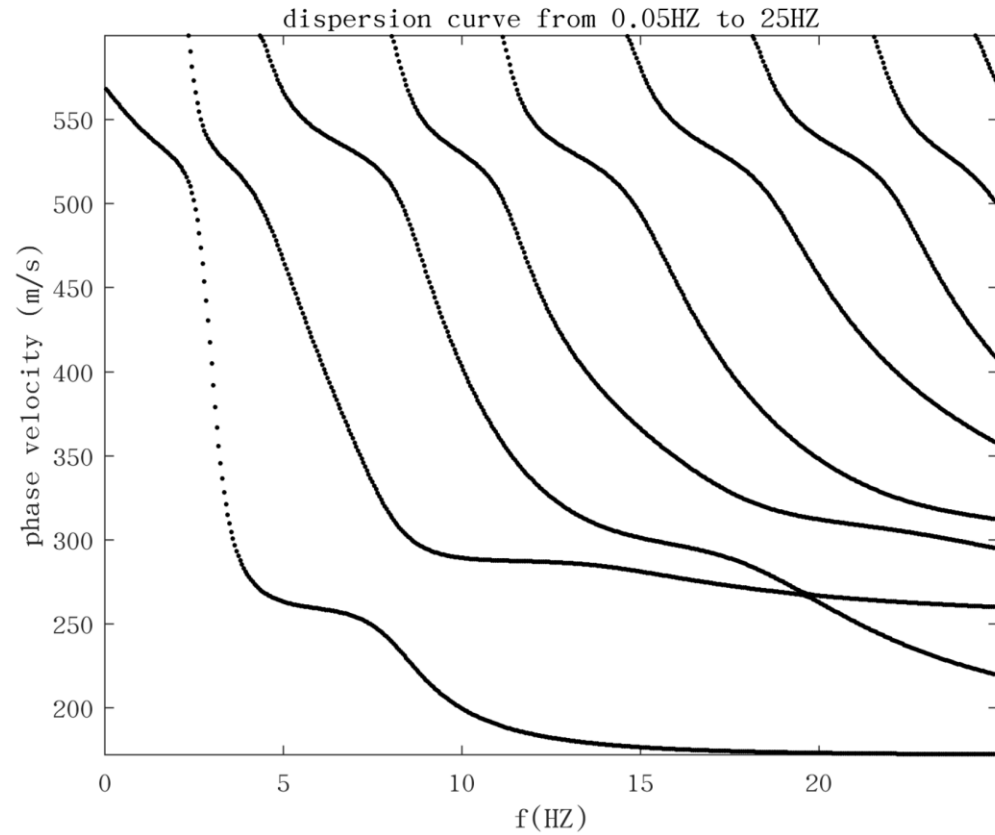
$$I(c, \omega) = A \cdot \text{Im}\left[g_z\left(\omega, \frac{\omega}{c}, 0\right)\right]$$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} J_0\left(\frac{\omega}{c} r\right) J_0(kr) r dr = \frac{1}{k} \delta\left(k - \frac{\omega}{c}\right)$$

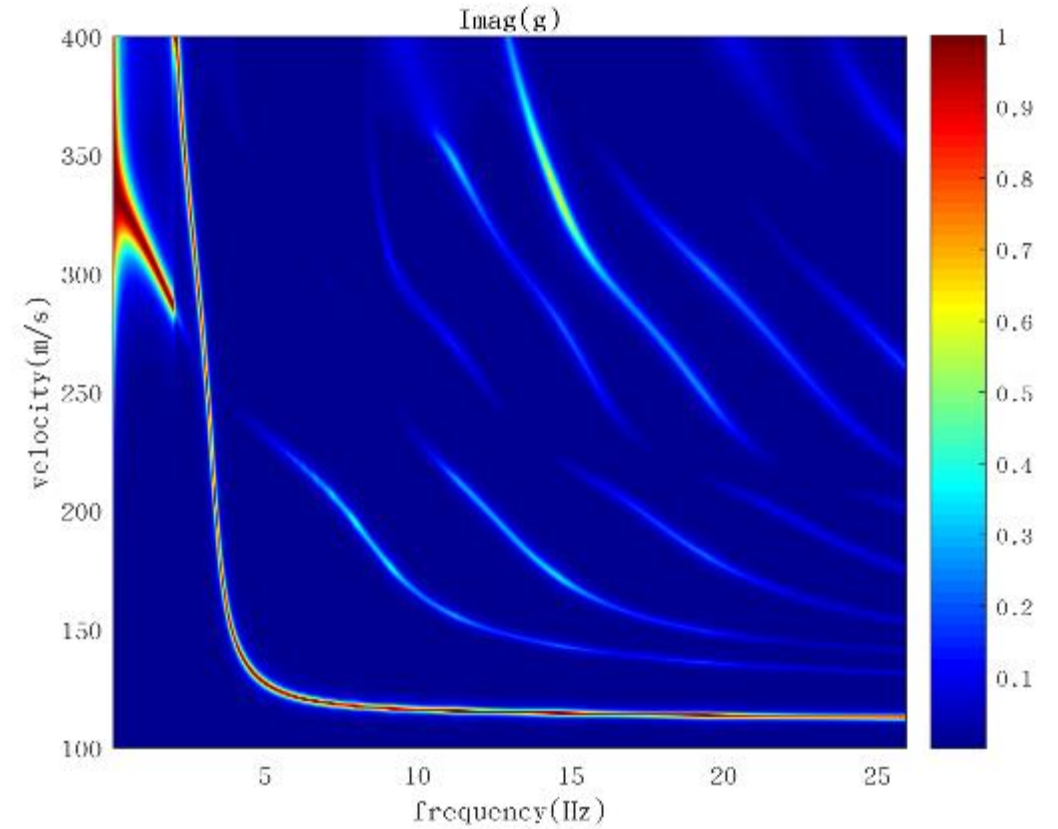
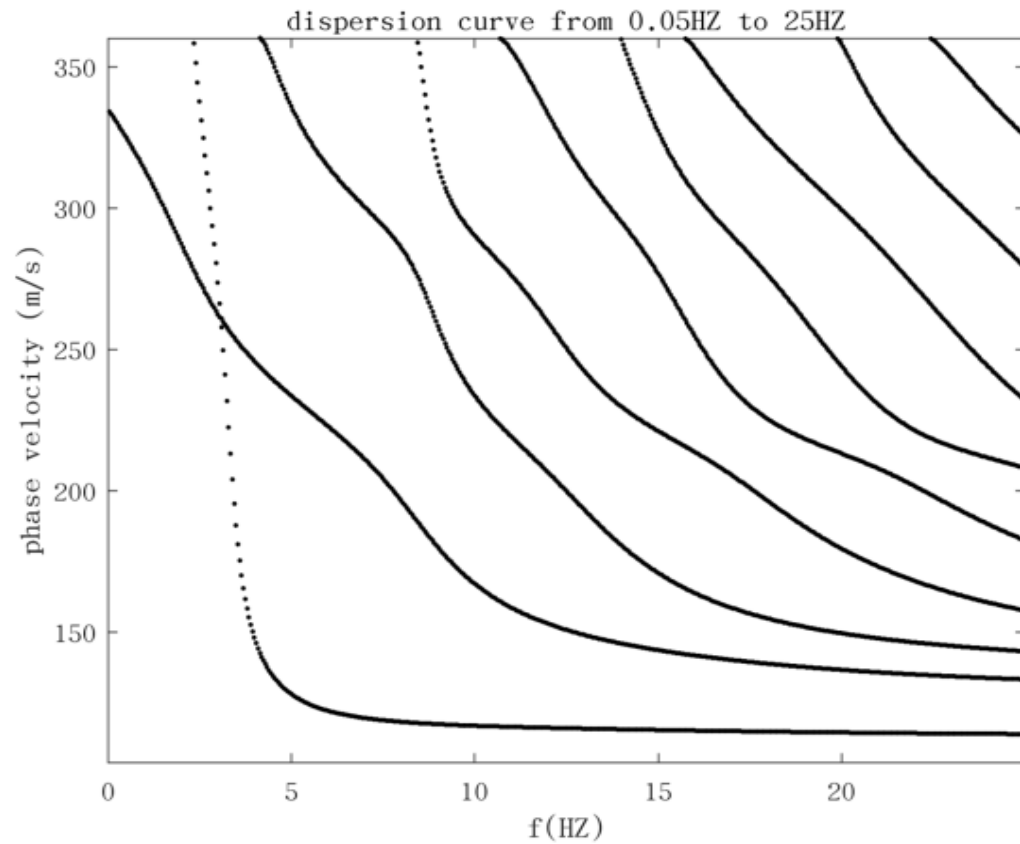


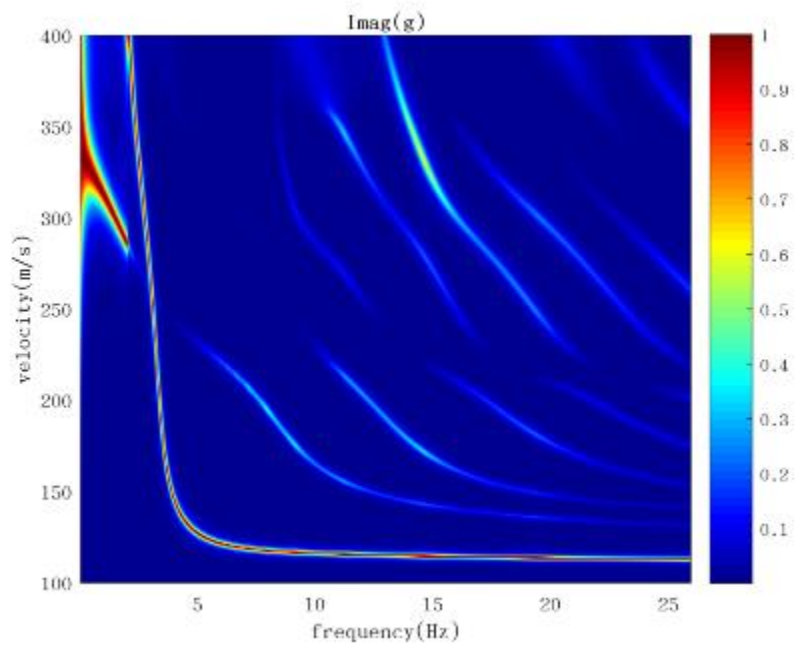
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Im}\{g_z(z = 0, c, \omega)\} \propto \frac{1}{S(c, \omega)} \\ S(c, \omega) = 0, \text{ when } c = c_n(\omega), \\ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{array} \right.$$

# Properties of kernel $Im\{g_z(z = 0, k, \omega)\}$ :

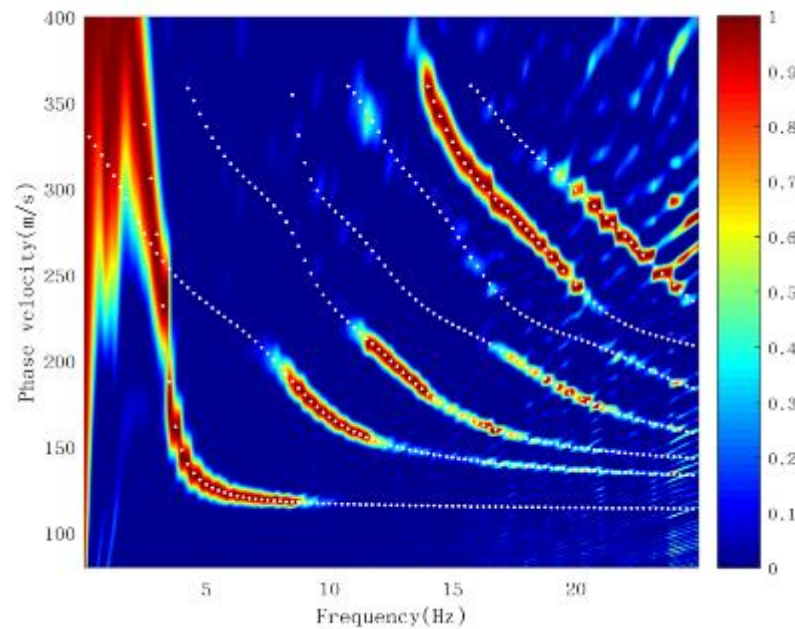
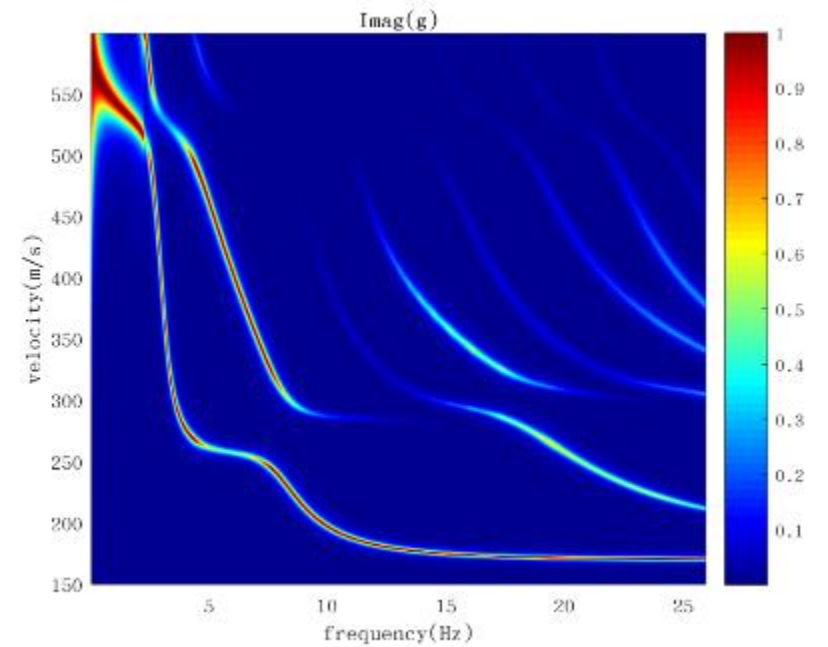


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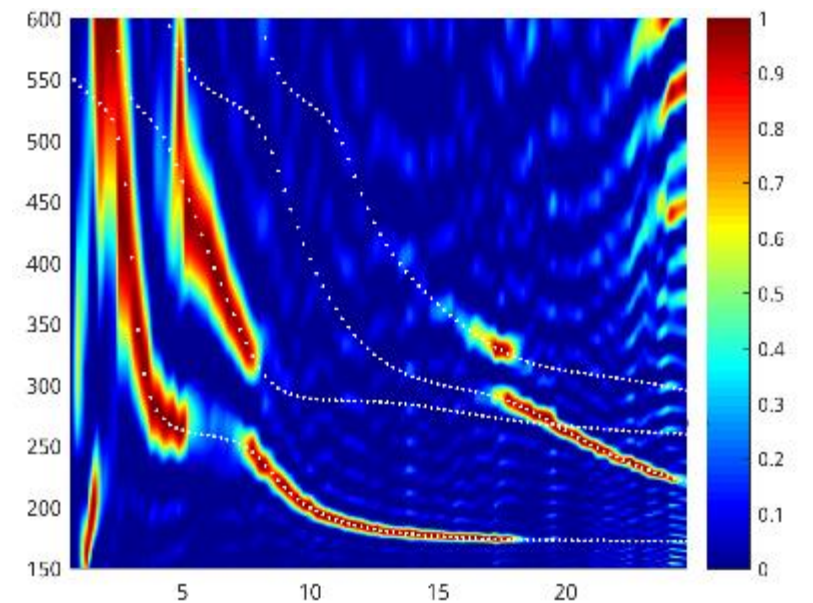




Calculated kernel  
 $Im\{g_z(z=0, k, \omega)\}$



Observed  
 $I(\omega, k)$   
 (F-J Spectrogram)



# Summary

- Dispersion curves of overtones are very important for Ambient Seismic Noise Tomography (ASNTM). With fundamental mode only, ASNTM is unlikely an independent and accurate structure prospecting method.
- The new method we proposed, F-J method, can help to extract the overtones' dispersion curves.
- Preliminary study shows that joint inversion of multi-modal dispersion curves can provide strong constrain on the inverted shear wave speed mode, greatly increase the accuracy of ASNTM and expand its applicability.

*Thank you!*

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